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Growth related oncogene-beta (GRO-beta).	GeneSeq Accession W96714	US5871723	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humania Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Angiogenesis, Cancer, Inflammatory and Immune disorders, Cardio-Vascular disorders, Musco-skeletal disorders

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Growth related oncogene-gamma (GRO-gamma)	GeneSeq Accession W96715	US5871723	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Angiogenesis, Cancer, Inflammatory and Immune disorders, Cardio-Vascular disorders, Musco-skeletal disorders

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A platelet basic protein (PBP)	GeneSeq Accession W96716	US5871723	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by A.E.I. Proudfit, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Angiogenesis, Cancer, Inflammatory and Immune disorders, Cardio-Vascular disorders, Musco-skeletal disorders

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Connective tissue activating protein-III (CTAP-III)	GeneSeq Accession W96717	US5871723	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Angiogenesis, Cancer, Inflammatory and Immune disorders, Cardio-Vascular disorders, Musco-skeletal disorders

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Beta-thromboglobulin protein (beta-TG)	GeneSeq Accession W96718	US5871723	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Angiogenesis, Cancer, Inflammatory and Immune disorders, Cardio-Vascular disorders, Musco-skeletal disorders

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Neutrophil activating peptide-2 (NAP-2)	GeneSeq Accession W96719	US5871723	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Angiogenesis, Cancer, Inflammatory and Immune disorders, Cardio-Vascular disorders, Musco-skeletal disorders

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Granulocyte chemotactic protein-2 (GCP-2)	GeneSeq Accession W96720	US5871723	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Angiogenesis, Cancer, Inflammatory and Immune disorders, Cardio-Vascular disorders, Musco-skeletal disorders

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Human chemokine MIG-beta protein	GeneSeq Accession W90124	EP887409	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Immune disorders, viral, parasitic, fungal or bacterial infections, Cancer, autoimmune diseases or transplant rejection

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Human ZCHEMO-8 protein	GeneSeq Accession W82716	WO9854326	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfit, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Immune disorders, cancer, myelopoietic disorders, autoimmune disorders and immunodeficiencies, Inflammatory and infectious diseases, Vascular disorders, wound healing

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Human Act-2 protein	GeneSeq Accession W82717	WO9854326	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Immune disorders, cancer, myelopoietic disorders, autoimmune disorders and immunodeficiencies, Inflammatory and infectious diseases, Vascular disorders, wound healing

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Human SUSD protein	GeneSeq Accession W82720	WO9854326	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Immune disorders, cancer, myelopoietic disorders, autoimmune disorders and immunodeficiencies, Inflammatory and infectious diseases, Vascular disorders, wound healing

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Human MII0 protein	GeneSeq Accession W82721	WO9854326	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Immune disorders, cancer, myelopoietic disorders, autoimmune disorders and immunodeficiencies, Inflammatory and infectious diseases, Vascular disorders, wound healing

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Human MIA protein	GeneSeq Accession W82722	WO9854326	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Immune disorders, cancer, myelopoietic disorders, autoimmune disorders and immunodeficiencies, Inflammatory and infectious diseases, Vascular disorders, wound healing

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Human CCC3 protein	GeneSeq Accession W82723	WO9834326	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Immune disorders, cancer, myelopoietic disorders, autoimmune disorders and immunodeficiencies, Inflammatory and infectious diseases, Vascular disorders, wound healing

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A human L105 chemokine designated hul105_3.	GeneSeq Accession W87588	WO9856818	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Cancer, wound healing,

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A human L105 chemokine designated hul105_7.	GeneSeq Accession W87589	WO9856818	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Cancer, wound healing,

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Human mature gro-alpha polypeptide used to treat sepsis	GeneSeq Accession W81498	WO9848828	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Infectious diseases, sepsis

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Human mature gro-gamma polypeptide used to treat sepsis	GeneSeq Accession W81500	WO9848828	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Infectious diseases, sepsis

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Human thymus expressed chemokine TECK and TECK variant	GeneSeq Accessions B19607 and B19608	WO0053635	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Inflammatory disorders, cancer, Immune and vascular disorders

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Human chemokine SDF1alpha	GeneSeq Accession B15791	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine GROalpha	GeneSeq Accession B15793	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine eotaxin	GeneSeq Accession B15794	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine MIG	GeneSeq Accession B15803	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine PF4	GencSeq Accession B15804	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine I-309	GeneSeq Accession B15805	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine HCC-1	GeneSeq Accession Bl:5806	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine C10	GenSeq Accession B15807	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine CCR-2	GeneSeq Accession B15808	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine ENA-78	GeneSeq Accession B15809	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine GRObeta	GeneSeq Accession B15810	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine IP-10	GeneSeq Accession B15811	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine SDF1beta	GeneSeq Accession B15812	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine GRO alpha	GeneSeq Accession B15813	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

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Human chemokine MIP1beta	GeneSeq Accession B15831	WO0042071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Autoimmune disorders, Immune, Vascular and Inflammatory disorders

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
A human C-C chemokine designated exodus	GeneSeq Accession B07939	US6096300	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Cancer

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human chemokine L105_7	GeneSeq Accession Y96922	US6084071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Chemotaxis, Gene Therapy, Wound healing

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human chemokine L105_3	GeneSeq Accession Y96923	US6084071	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Chemotaxis, Gene Therapy, Wound healing

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human secondary lymphoid chemokine (SLC)	GeneSeq Accession B01434	WO0038706	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfit, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Cancer, Vascular and Immune disorders

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human non-ELR CXC chemokine H174.	GeneSeq Accession Y96310	WO0029439	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Immune and Inflammatory disorders, Cancer, haemostatic and thrombolytic activity

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human non-ELR CXC chemokine IP10	GeneSeq Accession Y96311	WO0029439	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Immune and Inflammatory disorders, Cancer, haemostatic and thrombolytic activity

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human non-ELR CXC chemokine Mig	GeneSeq Accession Y96313	WO0029439	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138; Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Immune and Inflammatory disorders, Cancer, haemostatic and thrombolytic activity

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human chemokine Ckbeta-7	GeneSeq Accession Y96280	WO0028035	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Cancer, wound healing, inflammatory and immunoregulatory disorders

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human chemokine MIP-1alpha	GeneSeq Accession Y96281	WO0028035	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfit, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Cancer, wound healing, inflammatory and immunoregulatory disorders

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human nature chemokine Ckbeta-7 (optionally truncated)	GeneSeq Accession Y96282	WO0028035	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art: Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Cancer, wound healing, inflammatory and immunoregulatory disorders

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human chemokine receptor CXCR3	GeneSeq Accession Y79372	WO0018431	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Soluble CXCR3 polypeptides may be useful for inhibiting chemokine activities and viral infection.

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human neurotactin chemokine like domain	GeneSeq Accession Y53259	US6043086	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Neurological disorders, Immune and respiratory disorders

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human CC type chemokine interleukin C	GeneSeq Accession Y57771	JP11302298	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Cancer and infectious diseases

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Human CKbeta-9	GeneSeq Accession B50860	US6153441	Chemokines are a family of related small, secreted proteins involved in biological processes ranging from hematopoiesis, angiogenesis, and leukocyte trafficking. Members of this family are involved in a similarly diverse range of pathologies including inflammation, allergy, tissue rejection, viral infection, and tumor biology. The chemokines exert their effects by acting on a family of seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors. Over 40 human chemokines have been described, which bind to ~17 receptors thus far identified.	Chemokine activities can be determined using assays known in the art. Methods in Molecular Biology, 2000, vol. 138: Chemokine Protocols. Edited by: A.E.I. Proudfoot, T.N.C. Wells, and C.A. Power. © Humana Press Inc., Totowa, NJ	Cancer, Auto-immune and inflammatory disorders, Cardiovascular disorders
Preproapolipoprotein "paris" variant	GeneSeq Accession W08602	WO9637608	apoA-I participates in the reverse transport of cholesterol from tissues to the liver for excretion by promoting cholesterol efflux from tissues and by acting as a cofactor for the lecithin cholesterol acyltransferase (LCAT).	Lipid binding activity can be determined using assays known in the art, such as, for example, the Cholesterol Efflux Assays of Takahashi et al., P.N.A.S., Vol. 96, Issue 20, 11358-11363, September 28, 1999.	Useful for cardiovascular disorders, cholesterol disorders, and Hyperlipidaemia
Preproapolipoprotein "milano" variant		5,721,114	apoA-I participates in the reverse transport of cholesterol from tissues to the liver for excretion by promoting cholesterol efflux from tissues and by acting as a cofactor for the lecithin cholesterol acyltransferase (LCAT).	Lipid binding activity can be determined using assays known in the art, such as, for example, the Cholesterol Efflux Assays of Takahashi et al., P.N.A.S., Vol. 96, Issue 20, 11358-11363, September 28, 1999.	Useful for cardiovascular disorders, cholesterol disorders, and Hyperlipidaemia

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Glycodeolin-A; Progesterone-associated endometrial protein	GeneSeq Accession W00289	WO9628169	Naturally produced contraceptive that is removed rapidly from the body following 2-3 days production. Uses include contraception	Glycodeolin-A activity can be determined using the hemizona assay as described in Oehlinger, S., Coddington, C. C., Hodgen, G. D., and Seppala, M. (1995) Fertil. Steril. 63, 377-383.	Naturally derived contraceptive useful for the prevention of pregnancy.
NOGO-A	Genbank Accession CAB99248		NOGO polypeptides are potent inhibitors of neurite growth.	Inhibition of Neurite outgrowth. Antagonists to NOGO polypeptides may promote the outgrowth of neurites, thus inducing regeneration of neurons.	NOGO-A polypeptide antagonists are useful for the promotion of neural growth, which could be useful in the treatment of neural disorders and dysfunction due to degenerative diseases or trauma; useful in the treatment of neoplastic diseases of the CNS; induce regeneration of neurons or to promote the structural plasticity of the CNS.
NOGO-B	Genbank Accession CAB99249		NOGO polypeptides are potent inhibitors of neurite growth.	Inhibition of Neurite outgrowth. Antagonists to NOGO polypeptides may promote the outgrowth of neurites, thus inducing regeneration of neurons.	NOGO-B polypeptide antagonists are useful for the promotion of neural growth, which could be useful in the treatment of neural disorders and dysfunction due to degenerative diseases or trauma; useful in the treatment of neoplastic diseases of the CNS; induce regeneration of neurons or to promote the structural plasticity of the CNS.

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
NOGO-C	Genbank Accession CAB99250	NOGO polypeptides are potent inhibitors of neurite growth.	Inhibition of Neurite outgrowth. Antagonists to NOGO polypeptides may promote the outgrowth of neurites, thus inducing regeneration of neurons.	Inhibition of Neurite outgrowth. Antagonists to NOGO polypeptides may promote the outgrowth of neurites, thus inducing regeneration of neurons.	NO GO-C polypeptide antagonists are useful for the promotion of neural growth, which could be useful in the treatment of neural disorders and dysfunction due to degenerative diseases or trauma; useful in the treatment of neoplastic diseases of the CNS; induce regeneration of neurons or to promote the structural plasticity of the CNS.
NOGO-66 Receptor	Genbank Accession AAG53612	NOGO polypeptides are potent inhibitors of neurite growth, and are thought to mediate their effects through the NOGO-66 Receptor.	Inhibition of Neurite outgrowth by soluble NOGO-66 receptor polypeptides. Soluble NOGO-66 receptor polypeptides may promote the outgrowth of neurites, thus inducing regeneration of neurons.	Inhibition of Neurite outgrowth by soluble NOGO-66 receptor polypeptides are useful for the promotion of neural growth, which could be useful in the treatment of neural disorders and dysfunction due to degenerative diseases or trauma; useful in the treatment of neoplastic diseases of the CNS; induce regeneration of neurons or to promote the structural plasticity of the CNS.	Useful for the promotion of neural growth, which could be useful in the treatment of neural disorders and dysfunction due to degenerative diseases or trauma.
Antibodies specific for collapsin	USS416197	These antibodies are useful for the promotion of neurite outgrowth	Collapsin activity, which is thought to inhibit the outgrowth of neurites, can be assayed in the presence of antibodies specific for collapsing using assays known in the art, such as, for example, the collapse assay disclosed by Luo et al., Cell 1993 Oct 22:75(2):217-27.	Collapsin activity, which is thought to inhibit the outgrowth of neurites, can be assayed in the presence of antibodies specific for collapsing using assays known in the art, such as, for example, the collapse assay disclosed by Luo et al., Cell 1993 Oct 22:75(2):217-27.	Useful for the promotion of neural growth, which could be useful in the treatment of neural disorders and dysfunction due to degenerative diseases or trauma.

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Humanized Anti-VEGF Antibodies, and fragments thereof		WO9845331	These agents have anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer applications	VEGF activity can be determined using assays known in the art, such as those disclosed in International Publication No. WO0045835, for example.	Promotion of growth and proliferation of cells, such as vascular endothelial cells. Antagonists may be useful as anti-angiogenic agents, and may be applicable for cancer
Humanized Anti-VEGF Antibodies, and fragments thereof		WO0029584	These agents have anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer applications	VEGF activity can be determined using assays known in the art, such as those disclosed in International Publication No. WO0045835, for example.	Promotion of growth and proliferation of cells, such as vascular endothelial cells. Antagonists may be useful as anti-angiogenic agents, and may be applicable for cancer
Membrane-bound proteins	GeneSeq Accession Y66631-Y66765	WO9963088	Cancer, Immune Disorders	These proteins can be used for linking bioactive molecules to cells and for modulating biological activities of cells, using the polypeptides for specific targeting. The polypeptide targeting can be used to kill the target cells, e.g. for the treatment of cancers. These proteins are useful for the treatment of immune system disorders.	Activities can be determined using assay known in the art, such as, for example, the assays disclosed in International Publication No. WO0121658.
Secreted and Transmembrane polypeptides	GeneSeq Accession B44241-B44334	WO0053756	Cancer, Immune Disorders	These proteins can be used for linking bioactive molecules to cells and for modulating biological activities of cells, using the polypeptides for specific targeting. The polypeptide targeting can be used to kill the target cells, e.g. for the treatment of cancers. These proteins are useful for the treatment of immune system disorders	Activities can be determined using assay known in the art, such as, for example, the assays disclosed in International Publication No. WO0121658.

Therapeutic Protein X	Exemplary Identifier	PCT/Patent Number	Biological Activity	Exemplary Activity Assay	Preferred Indication Y
Secreted and Transmembrane polypeptides	GeneSeq Accession Y41685-Y41774	WO9946281	Cancer, Immune Disorders	These proteins can be used for linking biactive molecules to cells and for modulating biological activities of cells, using the polypeptides for specific targeting. The polypeptide targeting can be used to kill the target cells, e.g. for the treatment of cancers. These proteins are useful for the treatment of immune system disorders	Activities can be determined using assay known in the art, such as, for example, the assays disclosed in International Publication No. WO0121658.

In preferred embodiments, the albumin fusion proteins of the invention are capable of a therapeutic activity and/or biologic activity corresponding to the therapeutic activity and/or biologic activity of the Therapeutic protein corresponding to the Therapeutic protein portion of the albumin fusion protein listed in the corresponding row of Table 1. (See, e.g., the "Biological Activity" and "Therapeutic Protein X" columns of Table 1.) In further preferred embodiments, the therapeutically active protein portions of the albumin fusion proteins of the invention are fragments or variants of the reference sequence cited in the "Exemplary Identifier" column of Table 1, and are capable of the therapeutic activity and/or biologic activity of the corresponding Therapeutic protein disclosed in "Biological Activity" column of Table 1.

Polypeptide and Polynucleotide Fragments and Variants

Fragments

The present invention is further directed to fragments of the Therapeutic proteins described in Table 1, albumin proteins, and/or albumin fusion proteins of the invention.

Even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the N-terminus of a protein results in modification or loss of one or more biological functions of the Therapeutic protein, albumin protein, and/or albumin fusion protein, other Therapeutic activities and/or functional activities (e.g., biological activities, ability to multimerize, ability to bind a ligand) may still be retained. For example, the ability of polypeptides with N-terminal deletions to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the complete or mature forms of the polypeptides generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the complete polypeptide are removed from the N-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking N-terminal residues of a complete polypeptide retains such immunologic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art. It is not unlikely that a mutein with a large number of deleted N-terminal amino acid residues may retain some biological or immunogenic activities. In fact, peptides composed of as few as six amino acid residues may often evoke an immune response.

Accordingly, fragments of a Therapeutic protein corresponding to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention, include the full length protein as well as polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the amino terminus of the amino acid sequence of the reference polypeptide (e.g., a Therapeutic protein as disclosed in Table 1). In particular, N-terminal deletions may be described by the general formula m-q, where q is a whole integer representing the total number of amino acid residues in a reference polypeptide (e.g., a Therapeutic protein referred to in Table 1), and m is defined as any

integer ranging from 2 to q-6. Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

In addition, fragments of serum albumin polypeptides corresponding to an albumin protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention, include the full length protein as well as polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the amino terminus of the amino acid sequence of the reference polypeptide (i.e., serum albumin). In particular, N-terminal deletions may be described by the general formula m-585, where 585 is a whole integer representing the total number of amino acid residues in serum albumin (SEQ ID NO:18), and m is defined as any integer ranging from 2 to 579. Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

Moreover, fragments of albumin fusion proteins of the invention, include the full length albumin fusion protein as well as polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the amino terminus of the albumin fusion protein. In particular, N-terminal deletions may be described by the general formula m-q, where q is a whole integer representing the total number of amino acid residues in the albumin fusion protein, and m is defined as any integer ranging from 2 to q-6. Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

Also as mentioned above, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the N-terminus or C-terminus of a reference polypeptide (e.g., a Therapeutic protein and/or serum albumin protein) results in modification or loss of one or more biological functions of the protein, other functional activities (e.g., biological activities, ability to multimerize, ability to bind a ligand) and/or Therapeutic activities may still be retained. For example the ability of polypeptides with C-terminal deletions to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the complete or mature forms of the polypeptide generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the complete or mature polypeptide are removed from the C-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking the N-terminal and/or C-terminal residues of a reference polypeptide retains Therapeutic activity can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and/or otherwise known in the art.

The present invention further provides polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the carboxy terminus of the amino acid sequence of a Therapeutic protein corresponding to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention (e.g., a Therapeutic protein referred to in Table 1). In particular, C-terminal deletions may be described by the general formula 1-n, where n is any whole integer ranging from 6 to q-1, and where q is a whole integer representing the total number of amino acid residues in a reference polypeptide (e.g., a Therapeutic protein referred to in Table 1). Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

In addition, the present invention provides polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the carboxy terminus of the amino acid sequence of an albumin protein corresponding to an albumin protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention (e.g., serum albumin). In particular, C-terminal deletions may be described by the general formula 1-n, where n is any whole integer ranging from 6 to 584, where 584 is the whole integer representing the total number of amino acid residues in serum albumin (SEQ ID NO:18) minus 1. Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

Moreover, the present invention provides polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the carboxy terminus of an albumin fusion protein of the invention. In particular, C-terminal deletions may be described by the general formula 1-n, where n is any whole integer ranging from 6 to q-1, and where q is a whole integer representing the total number of amino acid residues in an albumin fusion protein of the invention. Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

In addition, any of the above described N- or C-terminal deletions can be combined to produce a N- and C-terminal deleted reference polypeptide. The invention also provides polypeptides having one or more amino acids deleted from both the amino and the carboxyl termini, which may be described generally as having residues m-n of a reference polypeptide (e.g., a Therapeutic protein referred to in Table 1, or serum albumin (e.g., SEQ ID NO:18), or an albumin fusion protein of the invention) where n and m are integers as described above. Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

The present application is also directed to proteins containing polypeptides at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to a reference polypeptide sequence (e.g., a Therapeutic protein, serum albumin protein or an albumin fusion protein of the invention) set forth herein, or fragments thereof. In preferred embodiments, the application is directed to proteins comprising polypeptides at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to reference polypeptides having the amino acid sequence of N- and C-terminal deletions as described above. Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

Preferred polypeptide fragments of the invention are fragments comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, an amino acid sequence that displays a Therapeutic activity and/or functional activity (e.g. biological activity) of the polypeptide sequence of the Therapeutic protein or serum albumin protein of which the amino acid sequence is a fragment. Other preferred polypeptide fragments are biologically active fragments. Biologically active fragments are those exhibiting activity similar, but not necessarily identical, to an activity of the polypeptide of the present invention. The biological activity of the fragments may include

an improved desired activity, or a decreased undesirable activity.

Variants

“Variant” refers to a polynucleotide or nucleic acid differing from a reference nucleic acid or polypeptide, but retaining essential properties thereof. Generally, variants are overall closely similar, and, in many regions, identical to the reference nucleic acid or polypeptide.

As used herein, “variant”, refers to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention, albumin portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention, or albumin fusion protein differing in sequence from a Therapeutic protein (e.g. see 5 “therapeutic” column of Table 1), albumin protein, and/or albumin fusion protein of the invention, respectively, but retaining at least one functional and/or therapeutic property thereof (e.g., a therapeutic activity and/or biological activity as disclosed in the “Biological Activity” column of Table 1) as described elsewhere herein or otherwise known in the art. 10 Generally, variants are overall very similar, and, in many regions, identical to the amino acid sequence of the Therapeutic protein corresponding to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention, albumin protein corresponding to an albumin protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention, and/or albumin fusion protein of the 15 invention. Nucleic acids encoding these variants are also encompassed by the invention.

The present invention is also directed to proteins which comprise, or alternatively 20 consist of, an amino acid sequence which is at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or 100%, identical to, for example, the amino acid sequence of a Therapeutic protein corresponding to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention (e.g., an amino acid sequence disclosed in the “Exemplary Identifier” column of 25 Table 1, or fragments or variants thereof), albumin proteins (e.g., SEQ ID NO:18 or fragments or variants thereof) corresponding to an albumin protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention, and/or albumin fusion proteins of the invention. Fragments of these polypeptides are also provided (e.g., those fragments described herein). Further polypeptides encompassed by the invention are polypeptides encoded by polynucleotides which hybridize to the complement of a nucleic acid molecule encoding an amino acid 30 sequence of the invention under stringent hybridization conditions (e.g., hybridization to filter bound DNA in 6X Sodium chloride/Sodium citrate (SSC) at about 45 degrees Celsius, followed by one or more washes in 0.2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at about 50 - 65 degrees Celsius), under highly stringent conditions (e.g., hybridization to filter bound DNA in 6X sodium chloride/Sodium citrate (SSC) at about 45 degrees Celsius, followed by one or more washes 35 in 0.1X SSC, 0.2% SDS at about 68 degrees Celsius), or under other stringent hybridization conditions which are known to those of skill in the art (see, for example, Ausubel, F.M. et

al., eds., 1989 *Current protocol in Molecular Biology*, Green publishing associates, Inc., and John Wiley & Sons Inc., New York, at pages 6.3.1 - 6.3.6 and 2.10.3). Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

By a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least, for example, 95% "identical" 5 to a query amino acid sequence of the present invention, it is intended that the amino acid sequence of the subject polypeptide is identical to the query sequence except that the subject polypeptide sequence may include up to five amino acid alterations per each 100 amino acids of the query amino acid sequence. In other words, to obtain a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a query amino acid sequence, up to 5% of the amino 10 acid residues in the subject sequence may be inserted, deleted, or substituted with another amino acid. These alterations of the reference sequence may occur at the amino- or carboxy-terminal positions of the reference amino acid sequence or anywhere between those terminal positions, interspersed either individually among residues in the reference sequence or in one or more contiguous groups within the reference sequence.

As a practical matter, whether any particular polypeptide is at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to, for instance, the amino acid sequence of an albumin fusion protein of the invention or a fragment thereof (such as the Therapeutic protein portion of the albumin fusion protein or the albumin portion of the albumin fusion protein), can be determined conventionally using known computer programs. A preferred method for 15 determining the best overall match between a query sequence (a sequence of the present invention) and a subject sequence, also referred to as a global sequence alignment, can be determined using the FASTDB computer program based on the algorithm of Brutlag et al. (Comp. App. Biosci.6:237-245 (1990)). In a sequence alignment the query and subject sequences are either both nucleotide sequences or both amino acid sequences. The result of 20 said global sequence alignment is expressed as percent identity. Preferred parameters used in a FASTDB amino acid alignment are: Matrix=PAM 0, k-tuple=2, Mismatch Penalty=1, Joining Penalty=20, Randomization Group Length=0, Cutoff Score=1, Window Size=sequence length, Gap Penalty=5, Gap Size Penalty=0.05, Window Size=500 or the length of the subject amino acid sequence, whichever is shorter.

If the subject sequence is shorter than the query sequence due to N- or C-terminal 25 deletions, not because of internal deletions, a manual correction must be made to the results. This is because the FASTDB program does not account for N- and C-terminal truncations of the subject sequence when calculating global percent identity. For subject sequences truncated at the N- and C-termini, relative to the query sequence, the percent identity is 30 corrected by calculating the number of residues of the query sequence that are N- and C-terminal of the subject sequence, which are not matched/aligned with a corresponding subject

residue, as a percent of the total bases of the query sequence. Whether a residue is matched/aligned is determined by results of the FASTDB sequence alignment. This percentage is then subtracted from the percent identity, calculated by the above FASTDB program using the specified parameters, to arrive at a final percent identity score. This final 5 percent identity score is what is used for the purposes of the present invention. Only residues to the N- and C-termini of the subject sequence, which are not matched/aligned with the query sequence, are considered for the purposes of manually adjusting the percent identity score. That is, only query residue positions outside the farthest N- and C-terminal residues of the subject sequence.

10 For example, a 90 amino acid residue subject sequence is aligned with a 100 residue query sequence to determine percent identity. The deletion occurs at the N-terminus of the subject sequence and therefore, the FASTDB alignment does not show a matching/alignment of the first 10 residues at the N-terminus. The 10 unpaired residues represent 10% of the sequence (number of residues at the N- and C- termini not matched/total number of residues 15 in the query sequence) so 10% is subtracted from the percent identity score calculated by the FASTDB program. If the remaining 90 residues were perfectly matched the final percent identity would be 90%. In another example, a 90 residue subject sequence is compared with a 100 residue query sequence. This time the deletions are internal deletions so there are no residues at the N- or C-termini of the subject sequence which are not matched/aligned with the 20 query. In this case the percent identity calculated by FASTDB is not manually corrected. Once again, only residue positions outside the N- and C-terminal ends of the subject sequence, as displayed in the FASTDB alignment, which are not matched/aligned with the query sequence are manually corrected for. No other manual corrections are to be made for the purposes of the present invention.

25 The variant will usually have at least 75 % (preferably at least about 80%, 90%, 95% or 99%) sequence identity with a length of normal HA or Therapeutic protein which is the same length as the variant. Homology or identity at the nucleotide or amino acid sequence level is determined by BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) analysis using the algorithm employed by the programs blastp, blastn, blastx, tblastn and tblastx (Karlin *et al.*, 30 Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 87: 2264-2268 (1990) and Altschul, J. Mol. Evol. 36: 290-300 (1993), fully incorporated by reference) which are tailored for sequence similarity searching.

35 The approach used by the BLAST program is to first consider similar segments between a query sequence and a database sequence, then to evaluate the statistical significance of all matches that are identified and finally to summarize only those matches which satisfy a preselected threshold of significance. For a discussion of basic issues in similarity searching of sequence databases, see Altschul *et al.*, (Nature Genetics 6: 119-129 (1994)) which is fully

incorporated by reference. The search parameters for histogram, descriptions, alignments, expect (i.e., the statistical significance threshold for reporting matches against database sequences), cutoff, matrix and filter are at the default settings. The default scoring matrix used by blastp, blastx, tblastn, and tblastx is the BLOSUM62 matrix (Henikoff *et al.*, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 89: 10915-10919 (1992), fully incorporated by reference). For blastn, the scoring matrix is set by the ratios of M (i.e., the reward score for a pair of matching residues) to N (i.e., the penalty score for mismatching residues), wherein the default values for M and N are 5 and -4, respectively. Four blastn parameters may be adjusted as follows: Q=10 (gap creation penalty); R=10 (gap extension penalty); wink=1 (generates word hits at every winkth position along the query); and gapw=16 (sets the window width within which gapped alignments are generated). The equivalent Blastp parameter settings were Q=9; R=2; wink=1; and gapw=32. A Bestfit comparison between sequences, available in the GCG package version 10.0, uses DNA parameters GAP=50 (gap creation penalty) and LEN=3 (gap extension penalty) and the equivalent settings in protein comparisons are GAP=8 and LEN=2.

The polynucleotide variants of the invention may contain alterations in the coding regions, non-coding regions, or both. Especially preferred are polynucleotide variants containing alterations which produce silent substitutions, additions, or deletions, but do not alter the properties or activities of the encoded polypeptide. Nucleotide variants produced by silent substitutions due to the degeneracy of the genetic code are preferred. Moreover, polypeptide variants in which less than 50, less than 40, less than 30, less than 20, less than 10, or 5-50, 5-25, 5-10, 1-5, or 1-2 amino acids are substituted, deleted, or added in any combination are also preferred. Polynucleotide variants can be produced for a variety of reasons, e.g., to optimize codon expression for a particular host (change codons in the human mRNA to those preferred by a bacterial host, such as, yeast or *E. coli*).

In a preferred embodiment, a polynucleotide encoding an albumin portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention is optimized for expression in yeast or mammalian cells. In further preferred embodiment, a polynucleotide encoding a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention is optimized for expression in yeast or mammalian cells. In a still further preferred embodiment, a polynucleotide encoding an albumin fusion protein of the invention is optimized for expression in yeast or mammalian cells.

In an alternative embodiment, a codon optimized polynucleotide encoding a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention does not hybridize to the wild type polynucleotide encoding the Therapeutic protein under stringent hybridization conditions as described herein. In a further embodiment, a codon optimized polynucleotide encoding an albumin portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention does not hybridize

to the wild type polynucleotide encoding the albumin protein under stringent hybridization conditions as described herein. In another embodiment, a codon optimized polynucleotide encoding an albumin fusion protein of the invention does not hybridize to the wild type polynucleotide encoding the Therapeutic protein portin or the albumin protein portion under stringent hybridization conditions as described herein.

In an additional embodiment, polynucleotides encoding a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention do not comprise, or alternatively consist of, the naturally occurring sequence of that Therapeutic protein. In a further embodiment, polynucleotides encoding an albumin protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention do not comprise, or alternatively consist of, the naturally occurring sequence of albumin protein. In an alternative embodiment, polynucleotides encoding an albumin fusion protein of the invention do not comprise, or alternatively consist of, of the naturally occurring sequence of a Therapeutic protein portion or the albumin protein portion.

Naturally occurring variants are called "allelic variants," and refer to one of several alternate forms of a gene occupying a given locus on a chromosome of an organism. (Genes II, Lewin, B., ed., John Wiley & Sons, New York (1985)). These allelic variants can vary at either the polynucleotide and/or polypeptide level and are included in the present invention. Alternatively, non-naturally occurring variants may be produced by mutagenesis techniques or by direct synthesis.

Using known methods of protein engineering and recombinant DNA technology, variants may be generated to improve or alter the characteristics of the polypeptides of the present invention. For instance, one or more amino acids can be deleted from the N-terminus or C-terminus of the polypeptide of the present invention without substantial loss of biological function. As an example, Ron et al. (J. Biol. Chem. 268: 2984-2988 (1993)) reported variant KGF proteins having heparin binding activity even after deleting 3, 8, or 27 amino-terminal amino acid residues. Similarly, Interferon gamma exhibited up to ten times higher activity after deleting 8-10 amino acid residues from the carboxy terminus of this protein. (Dobeli et al., J. Biotechnology 7:199-216 (1988).)

Moreover, ample evidence demonstrates that variants often retain a biological activity similar to that of the naturally occurring protein. For example, Gayle and coworkers (J. Biol. Chem. 268:22105-22111 (1993)) conducted extensive mutational analysis of human cytokine IL-1 α . They used random mutagenesis to generate over 3,500 individual IL-1 α mutants that averaged 2.5 amino acid changes per variant over the entire length of the molecule. Multiple mutations were examined at every possible amino acid position. The investigators found that "[m]ost of the molecule could be altered with little effect on either [binding or biological activity]." In fact, only 23 unique amino acid sequences, out of more than 3,500 nucleotide

sequences examined, produced a protein that significantly differed in activity from wild-type.

Furthermore, even if deleting one or more amino acids from the N-terminus or C-terminus of a polypeptide results in modification or loss of one or more biological functions, other biological activities may still be retained. For example, the ability of a deletion variant to induce and/or to bind antibodies which recognize the secreted form will likely be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the secreted form are removed from the N-terminus or C-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking N- or C-terminal residues of a protein retains such immunogenic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art.

Thus, the invention further includes polypeptide variants which have a functional activity (e.g., biological activity and/or therapeutic activity). In highly preferred embodiments the invention provides variants of albumin fusion proteins that have a functional activity (e.g., biological activity and/or therapeutic activity, such as that disclosed in the "Biological Activity" column in Table 1) that corresponds to one or more biological and/or therapeutic activities of the Therapeutic protein corresponding to the Therapeutic protein portion of the albumin fusion protein. Such variants include deletions, insertions, inversions, repeats, and substitutions selected according to general rules known in the art so as have little effect on activity.

In preferred embodiments, the variants of the invention have conservative substitutions. By "conservative substitutions" is intended swaps within groups such as replacement of the aliphatic or hydrophobic amino acids Ala, Val, Leu and Ile; replacement of the hydroxyl residues Ser and Thr; replacement of the acidic residues Asp and Glu; replacement of the amide residues Asn and Gln, replacement of the basic residues Lys, Arg, and His; replacement of the aromatic residues Phe, Tyr, and Trp, and replacement of the small-sized amino acids Ala, Ser, Thr, Met, and Gly.

Guidance concerning how to make phenotypically silent amino acid substitutions is provided, for example, in Bowie et al., "Deciphering the Message in Protein Sequences: Tolerance to Amino Acid Substitutions," *Science* 247:1306-1310 (1990), wherein the authors indicate that there are two main strategies for studying the tolerance of an amino acid sequence to change.

The first strategy exploits the tolerance of amino acid substitutions by natural selection during the process of evolution. By comparing amino acid sequences in different species, conserved amino acids can be identified. These conserved amino acids are likely important for protein function. In contrast, the amino acid positions where substitutions have been tolerated by natural selection indicates that these positions are not critical for protein function. Thus, positions tolerating amino acid substitution could be modified while still maintaining

biological activity of the protein.

The second strategy uses genetic engineering to introduce amino acid changes at specific positions of a cloned gene to identify regions critical for protein function. For example, site directed mutagenesis or alanine-scanning mutagenesis (introduction of single alanine mutations at every residue in the molecule) can be used. See Cunningham and Wells, Science 244:1081-1085 (1989). The resulting mutant molecules can then be tested for biological activity.

As the authors state, these two strategies have revealed that proteins are surprisingly tolerant of amino acid substitutions. The authors further indicate which amino acid changes are likely to be permissive at certain amino acid positions in the protein. For example, most buried (within the tertiary structure of the protein) amino acid residues require nonpolar side chains, whereas few features of surface side chains are generally conserved. Moreover, tolerated conservative amino acid substitutions involve replacement of the aliphatic or hydrophobic amino acids Ala, Val, Leu and Ile; replacement of the hydroxyl residues Ser and Thr; replacement of the acidic residues Asp and Glu; replacement of the amide residues Asn and Gln, replacement of the basic residues Lys, Arg, and His; replacement of the aromatic residues Phe, Tyr, and Trp, and replacement of the small-sized amino acids Ala, Ser, Thr, Met, and Gly. Besides conservative amino acid substitution, variants of the present invention include (i) polypeptides containing substitutions of one or more of the non-conserved amino acid residues, where the substituted amino acid residues may or may not be one encoded by the genetic code, or (ii) polypeptides containing substitutions of one or more of the amino acid residues having a substituent group, or (iii) polypeptides which have been fused with or chemically conjugated to another compound, such as a compound to increase the stability and/or solubility of the polypeptide (for example, polyethylene glycol), (iv) polypeptide containing additional amino acids, such as, for example, an IgG Fc fusion region peptide. Such variant polypeptides are deemed to be within the scope of those skilled in the art from the teachings herein.

For example, polypeptide variants containing amino acid substitutions of charged amino acids with other charged or neutral amino acids may produce proteins with improved characteristics, such as less aggregation. Aggregation of pharmaceutical formulations both reduces activity and increases clearance due to the aggregate's immunogenic activity. See Pinckard et al., Clin. Exp. Immunol. 2:331-340 (1967); Robbins et al., Diabetes 36: 838-845 (1987); Cleland et al., Crit. Rev. Therapeutic Drug Carrier Systems 10:307-377 (1993).

In specific embodiments, the polypeptides of the invention comprise, or alternatively, consist of, fragments or variants of the amino acid sequence of a Therapeutic protein described herein and/or human serum albumin, and/or albumin fusion protein of the

invention, wherein the fragments or variants have 1-5, 5-10, 5-25, 5-50, 10-50 or 50-150, amino acid residue additions, substitutions, and/or deletions when compared to the reference amino acid sequence. In preferred embodiments, the amino acid substitutions are conservative. Nucleic acids encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the
5 invention.

The polypeptide of the present invention can be composed of amino acids joined to each other by peptide bonds or modified peptide bonds, i.e., peptide isosteres, and may contain amino acids other than the 20 gene-encoded amino acids. The polypeptides may be modified by either natural processes, such as post-translational processing, or by chemical
10 modification techniques which are well known in the art. Such modifications are well described in basic texts and in more detailed monographs, as well as in a voluminous research literature. Modifications can occur anywhere in a polypeptide, including the peptide backbone, the amino acid side-chains and the amino or carboxyl termini. It will be appreciated that the same type of modification may be present in the same or varying degrees
15 at several sites in a given polypeptide. Also, a given polypeptide may contain many types of modifications. Polypeptides may be branched, for example, as a result of ubiquitination, and they may be cyclic, with or without branching. Cyclic, branched, and branched cyclic polypeptides may result from posttranslational natural processes or may be made by synthetic methods. Modifications include acetylation, acylation, ADP-ribosylation, amidation, covalent
20 attachment of flavin, covalent attachment of a heme moiety, covalent attachment of a nucleotide or nucleotide derivative, covalent attachment of a lipid or lipid derivative, covalent attachment of phosphotidylinositol, cross-linking, cyclization, disulfide bond formation, demethylation, formation of covalent cross-links, formation of cysteine, formation of pyroglutamate, formylation, gamma-carboxylation, glycosylation, GPI anchor formation,
25 hydroxylation, iodination, methylation, myristylation, oxidation, pegylation, proteolytic processing, phosphorylation, prenylation, racemization, selenoylation, sulfation, transfer-RNA mediated addition of amino acids to proteins such as arginylation, and ubiquitination. (See, for instance, PROTEINS - STRUCTURE AND MOLECULAR PROPERTIES, 2nd Ed., T. E. Creighton, W. H. Freeman and Company, New York (1993); POST-
30 TRANSLATIONAL COVALENT MODIFICATION OF PROTEINS, B. C. Johnson, Ed., Academic Press, New York, pgs. 1-12 (1983); Seifter et al., Meth. Enzymol. 182:626-646 (1990); Rattan et al., Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci. 663:48-62 (1992)).

Functional activity

35 "A polypeptide having functional activity" refers to a polypeptide capable of displaying one or more known functional activities associated with the full-length, pro-

protein, and/or mature form of a Therapeutic protein. Such functional activities include, but are not limited to, biological activity, antigenicity [ability to bind (or compete with a polypeptide for binding) to an anti-polypeptide antibody], immunogenicity (ability to generate antibody which binds to a specific polypeptide of the invention), ability to form multimers with polypeptides of the invention, and ability to bind to a receptor or ligand for a polypeptide.

“A polypeptide having biological activity” refers to a polypeptide exhibiting activity similar to, but not necessarily identical to, an activity of a Therapeutic protein of the present invention, including mature forms, as measured in a particular biological assay, with or without dose dependency. In the case where dose dependency does exist, it need not be identical to that of the polypeptide, but rather substantially similar to the dose-dependence in a given activity as compared to the polypeptide of the present invention (i.e., the candidate polypeptide will exhibit greater activity or not more than about 25-fold less and, preferably, not more than about tenfold less activity, and most preferably, not more than about three-fold less activity relative to the polypeptide of the present invention).

In preferred embodiments, an albumin fusion protein of the invention has at least one biological and/or therapeutic activity associated with the Therapeutic protein (or fragment or variant thereof) when it is not fused to albumin.

The albumin fusion proteins of the invention can be assayed for functional activity (e.g., biological activity) using or routinely modifying assays known in the art, as well as assays described herein. Specifically, albumin fusion proteins may be assayed for functional activity (e.g., biological activity or therapeutic activity) using the assay referenced in the “Exemplary Activity Assay” column of Table 1. Additionally, one of skill in the art may routinely assay fragments of a Therapeutic protein corresponding to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention, for activity using assays referenced in its corresponding row of Table 1. Further, one of skill in the art may routinely assay fragments of an albumin protein corresponding to an albumin protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention, for activity using assays known in the art and/or as described in the Examples section below.

For example, in one embodiment where one is assaying for the ability of an albumin fusion protein of the invention to bind or compete with a Therapeutic protein for binding to an anti-Therapeutic polypeptide antibody and/or anti-albumin antibody, various immunoassays known in the art can be used, including but not limited to, competitive and non-competitive assay systems using techniques such as radioimmunoassays, ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbent assay), “sandwich” immunoassays, immunoradiometric assays, gel diffusion precipitation reactions, immunodiffusion assays, in situ immunoassays

(using colloidal gold, enzyme or radioisotope labels, for example), western blots, precipitation reactions, agglutination assays (e.g., gel agglutination assays, hemagglutination assays), complement fixation assays, immunofluorescence assays, protein A assays, and immunolectrophoresis assays, etc. In one embodiment, antibody binding is detected by 5 detecting a label on the primary antibody. In another embodiment, the primary antibody is detected by detecting binding of a secondary antibody or reagent to the primary antibody. In a further embodiment, the secondary antibody is labeled. Many means are known in the art for detecting binding in an immunoassay and are within the scope of the present invention.

In a preferred embodiment, where a binding partner (e.g., a receptor or a ligand) of a 10 Therapeutic protein is identified, binding to that binding partner by an albumin fusion protein containing that Therapeutic protein as the Therapeutic protein portion of the fusion can be assayed, e.g., by means well-known in the art, such as, for example, reducing and non-reducing gel chromatography, protein affinity chromatography, and affinity blotting. See generally, Phizicky et al., *Microbiol. Rev.* 59:94-123 (1995). In another embodiment, the 15 ability of physiological correlates of an albumin fusion protein of the present invention to bind to a substrate(s) of the Therapeutic polypeptide corresponding to the Therapeutic portion of the albumin fusion protein of the invention can be routinely assayed using techniques known in the art.

In an alternative embodiment, where the ability of an albumin fusion protein of the 20 invention to multimerize is being evaluated, association with other components of the multimer can be assayed, e.g., by means well-known in the art, such as, for example, reducing and non-reducing gel chromatography, protein affinity chromatography, and affinity blotting. See generally, Phizicky et al., *supra*.

In preferred embodiments, an albumin fusion protein of the invention comprising all 25 or a portion of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, has at least one biological and/or therapeutic activity (e.g., to specifically bind a polypeptide or epitope) associated with the antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein (or fragment or variant thereof) when it is not fused to albumin. In other preferred embodiments, the biological activity and/or therapeutic activity 30 of an albumin fusion protein of the invention comprising all or a portion of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein is the inhibition (i.e. antagonism) or activation (i.e., agonism) of one or more of the biological activities and/or therapeutic activities associated with the polypeptide that is specifically bound by antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein.

Albumin fusion proteins of the invention (e.g., comprising at least a fragment or 35 variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein) may be characterized in a variety of ways. In particular, albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein may be assayed for the ability to

specifically bind to the same antigens specifically bound by the antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein corresponding to the Therapeutic protein portion of the albumin fusion protein using techniques described herein or routinely modifying techniques known in the art.

Assays for the ability of the albumin fusion proteins of the invention (e.g., comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein) to (specifically) bind a specific protein or epitope may be performed in solution (e.g., Houghten, Bio/Techniques 13:412-421(1992)), on beads (e.g., Lam, Nature 354:82-84 (1991)), on chips (e.g., Fodor, Nature 364:555-556 (1993)), on bacteria (e.g., U.S. Patent No. 5,223,409), on spores (e.g., Patent Nos. 5,571,698; 5,403,484; and 5,223,409), on plasmids (e.g., Cull et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 89:1865-1869 (1992)) or on phage (e.g., Scott and Smith, Science 249:386-390 (1990); Devlin, Science 249:404-406 (1990); Cwirla et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 87:6378-6382 (1990); and Felici, J. Mol. Biol. 222:301-310 (1991)) (each of these references is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference). Albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of a Therapeutic antibody may also be assayed for their specificity and affinity for a specific protein or epitope using or routinely modifying techniques described herein or otherwise known in the art.

The albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein may be assayed for cross-reactivity with other antigens (e.g., molecules that have sequence/structure conservation with the molecule(s) specifically bound by the antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein (or fragment or variant thereof) corresponding to the Therapeutic protein portion of the albumin fusion protein of the invention) by any method known in the art.

Immunoassays which can be used to analyze (immunospecific) binding and cross-reactivity include, but are not limited to, competitive and non-competitive assay systems using techniques such as western blots, radioimmunoassays, ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbent assay), "sandwich" immunoassays, immunoprecipitation assays, precipitin reactions, gel diffusion precipitin reactions, immunodiffusion assays, agglutination assays, complement-fixation assays, immunoradiometric assays, fluorescent immunoassays, and protein A immunoassays, to name but a few. Such assays are routine and well known in the art (see, e.g., Ausubel et al, eds, 1994, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety). Exemplary immunoassays are described briefly below (but are not intended by way of limitation).

Immunoprecipitation protocols generally comprise lysing a population of cells in a lysis buffer such as RIPA buffer (1% NP-40 or Triton X-100, 1% sodium deoxycholate,

0.1% SDS, 0.15 M NaCl, 0.01 M sodium phosphate at pH 7.2, 1% Trasylol) supplemented with protein phosphatase and/or protease inhibitors (*e.g.*, EDTA, PMSF, aprotinin, sodium vanadate), adding the albumin fusion protein of the invention (*e.g.*, comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein) to the cell lysate, 5 incubating for a period of time (*e.g.*, 1 to 4 hours) at 40 degrees C, adding sepharose beads coupled to an anti-albumin antibody, for example, to the cell lysate, incubating for about an hour or more at 40 degrees C, washing the beads in lysis buffer and resuspending the beads in SDS/sample buffer. The ability of the albumin fusion protein of the invention to immunoprecipitate a particular antigen can be assessed by, *e.g.*, western blot analysis. One 10 of skill in the art would be knowledgeable as to the parameters that can be modified to increase the binding of the albumin fusion protein to an antigen and decrease the background (*e.g.*, pre-clearing the cell lysate with sepharose beads). For further discussion regarding immunoprecipitation protocols see, *e.g.*, Ausubel et al, eds, 1994, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York at 10.16.1.

15 Western blot analysis generally comprises preparing protein samples, electrophoresis of the protein samples in a polyacrylamide gel (*e.g.*, 8%- 20% SDS-PAGE depending on the molecular weight of the antigen), transferring the protein sample from the polyacrylamide gel to a membrane such as nitrocellulose, PVDF or nylon, blocking the membrane in blocking solution (*e.g.*, PBS with 3% BSA or non-fat milk), washing the membrane in washing buffer 20 (*e.g.*, PBS-Tween 20), applying the albumin fusion protein of the invention (diluted in blocking buffer) to the membrane, washing the membrane in washing buffer, applying a secondary antibody (which recognizes the albumin fusion protein, *e.g.*, an anti-human serum albumin antibody) conjugated to an enzymatic substrate (*e.g.*, horseradish peroxidase or alkaline phosphatase) or radioactive molecule (*e.g.*, ³²P or ¹²⁵I) diluted in blocking buffer, 25 washing the membrane in wash buffer, and detecting the presence of the antigen. One of skill in the art would be knowledgeable as to the parameters that can be modified to increase the signal detected and to reduce the background noise. For further discussion regarding western blot protocols see, *e.g.*, Ausubel et al, eds, 1994, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York at 10.8.1.

30 ELISAs comprise preparing antigen, coating the well of a 96-well microtiter plate with the antigen, washing away antigen that did not bind the wells, adding the albumin fusion protein (*e.g.*, comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein) of the invention conjugated to a detectable compound such as an enzymatic substrate (*e.g.*, horseradish peroxidase or alkaline phosphatase) to the wells and incubating for a period 35 of time, washing away unbound or non-specifically bound albumin fusion proteins, and detecting the presence of the albumin fusion proteins specifically bound to the antigen coating

the well. In ELISAs the albumin fusion protein does not have to be conjugated to a detectable compound; instead, a second antibody (which recognizes albumin fusion protein) conjugated to a detectable compound may be added to the well. Further, instead of coating the well with the antigen, the albumin fusion protein may be coated to the well. In this case, the detectable molecule could be the antigen conjugated to a detectable compound such as an enzymatic substrate (*e.g.*, horseradish peroxidase or alkaline phosphatase). One of skill in the art would be knowledgeable as to the parameters that can be modified to increase the signal detected as well as other variations of ELISAs known in the art. For further discussion regarding ELISAs see, *e.g.*, Ausubel et al, eds, 1994, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York at 11.2.1.

The binding affinity of an albumin fusion protein to a protein, antigen, or epitope and the off-rate of an albumin fusion protein-protein/antigen/epitope interaction can be determined by competitive binding assays. One example of a competitive binding assay is a radioimmunoassay comprising the incubation of labeled antigen (*e.g.*, ^3H or ^{125}I) with the albumin fusion protein of the invention in the presence of increasing amounts of unlabeled antigen, and the detection of the antibody bound to the labeled antigen. The affinity of the albumin fusion protein of the present invention for a specific protein, antigen, or epitope and the binding off-rates can be determined from the data by Scatchard plot analysis. Competition with a second protein that binds the same protein, antigen or epitope as the albumin fusion protein, can also be determined using radioimmunoassays. In this case, the protein, antigen or epitope is incubated with an albumin fusion protein of the present invention conjugated to a labeled compound (*e.g.*, ^3H or ^{125}I) in the presence of increasing amounts of an unlabeled second protein that binds the same protein, antigen, or epitope as the albumin fusion protein of the invention.

In a preferred embodiment, BIACore kinetic analysis is used to determine the binding on and off rates of albumin fusion proteins of the invention to a protein, antigen or epitope. BIACore kinetic analysis comprises analyzing the binding and dissociation of albumin fusion proteins, or specific polypeptides, antigens or epitopes from chips with immobilized specific polypeptides, antigens or epitopes or albumin fusion proteins, respectively, on their surface.

Antibodies that bind a Therapeutic protein corresponding to the Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention may also be described or specified in terms of their binding affinity for a given protein or antigen, preferably the antigen which they specifically bind. Preferred binding affinities include those with a dissociation constant or Kd less than 5×10^{-2} M, 10^{-2} M, 5×10^{-3} M, 10^{-3} M, 5×10^{-4} M, 10^{-4} M. More preferred binding affinities include those with a dissociation constant or Kd less than 5×10^{-5} M, 10^{-5} M, 5×10^{-6} M, 10^{-6} M, 5×10^{-7} M, 10^{-7} M, 5×10^{-8} M or 10^{-8} M. Even more preferred

binding affinities include those with a dissociation constant or Kd less than 5×10^{-9} M, 10^{-9} M, 5×10^{-10} M, 10^{-10} M, 5×10^{-11} M, 10^{-11} M, 5×10^{-12} M, 10^{-12} M, 5×10^{-13} M, 10^{-13} M, 5×10^{-14} M, 10^{-14} M, 5×10^{-15} M, or 10^{-15} M. In preferred embodiments, albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, has an affinity for a given protein or epitope similar to that of the corresponding antibody (not fused to albumin) that binds a Therapeutic protein, taking into account the valency of the albumin fusion protein (comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein) and the valency of the corresponding antibody.

In addition, assays described herein (see Examples and Table 1) and otherwise known in the art may routinely be applied to measure the ability of albumin fusion proteins of the present invention and fragments, variants and derivatives thereof to elicit biological activity and/or Therapeutic activity (either *in vitro* or *in vivo*) related to either the Therapeutic protein portion and/or albumin portion of the albumin fusion protein of the present invention. Other methods will be known to the skilled artisan and are within the scope of the invention.

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Albumin

As described above, an albumin fusion protein of the invention comprises at least a fragment or variant of a Therapeutic protein and at least a fragment or variant of human serum albumin, which are associated with one another, preferably by genetic fusion or chemical conjugation.

The terms, human serum albumin (HSA) and human albumin (HA) are used interchangeably herein. The terms, "albumin" and "serum albumin" are broader, and encompass human serum albumin (and fragments and variants thereof) as well as albumin from other species (and fragments and variants thereof).

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As used herein, "albumin" refers collectively to albumin protein or amino acid sequence, or an albumin fragment or variant, having one or more functional activities (e.g., biological activities) of albumin. In particular, "albumin" refers to human albumin or fragments thereof (see EP 201 239, EP 322 094 WO 97/24445, WO95/23857) especially the mature form of human albumin as shown in Figure 15 and SEQ ID NO:18, or albumin from other vertebrates or fragments thereof, or analogs or variants of these molecules or fragments thereof.

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In preferred embodiments, the human serum albumin protein used in the albumin fusion proteins of the invention contains one or both of the following sets of point mutations with reference to SEQ ID NO:18: Leu-407 to Ala, Leu-408 to Val, Val-409 to Ala, and Arg-410 to Ala; or Arg-410 to A, Lys-413 to Gln, and Lys-414 to Gln (see, e.g., International Publication No. WO95/23857, hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference herein). In

even more preferred embodiments, albumin fusion proteins of the invention that contain one or both of above-described sets of point mutations have improved stability/resistance to yeast Yap3p proteolytic cleavage, allowing increased production of recombinant albumin fusion proteins expressed in yeast host cells.

As used herein, a portion of albumin sufficient to prolong the therapeutic activity or shelf-life of the Therapeutic protein refers to a portion of albumin sufficient in length or structure to stabilize or prolong the therapeutic activity of the protein so that the shelf life of the Therapeutic protein portion of the albumin fusion protein is prolonged or extended compared to the shelf-life in the non-fusion state. The albumin portion of the albumin fusion proteins may comprise the full length of the HA sequence as described above or as shown in Figure 15, or may include one or more fragments thereof that are capable of stabilizing or prolonging the therapeutic activity. Such fragments may be of 10 or more amino acids in length or may include about 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, or more contiguous amino acids from the HA sequence or may include part or all of specific domains of HA. For instance, one or more fragments of HA spanning the first two immunoglobulin-like domains may be used.

The albumin portion of the albumin fusion proteins of the invention may be a variant of normal HA. The Therapeutic protein portion of the albumin fusion proteins of the invention may also be variants of the Therapeutic proteins as described herein. The term "variants" includes insertions, deletions and substitutions, either conservative or non conservative, where such changes do not substantially alter one or more of the oncotic, useful ligand-binding and non-immunogenic properties of albumin, or the active site, or active domain which confers the therapeutic activities of the Therapeutic proteins.

In particular, the albumin fusion proteins of the invention may include naturally occurring polymorphic variants of human albumin and fragments of human albumin, for example those fragments disclosed in EP 322 094 (namely HA (P_n), where n is 369 to 419). The albumin may be derived from any vertebrate, especially any mammal, for example human, cow, sheep, or pig. Non-mammalian albumins include, but are not limited to, hen and salmon. The albumin portion of the albumin fusion protein may be from a different animal than the Therapeutic protein portion.

Generally speaking, an HA fragment or variant will be at least 100 amino acids long, preferably at least 150 amino acids long. The HA variant may consist of or alternatively comprise at least one whole domain of HA, for example domains 1 (amino acids 1-194 of SEQ ID NO:18), 2 (amino acids 195-387 of SEQ ID NO:18), 3 (amino acids 388-585 of SEQ ID NO:18), 1 + 2 (1-387 of SEQ ID NO:18), 2 + 3 (195-585 of SEQ ID NO:18) or 1 + 3 (amino acids 1-194 of SEQ ID NO:18 + amino acids 388-585 of SEQ ID NO:18). Each domain is itself made up of two homologous subdomains namely 1-105, 120-194, 195-291,

316-387, 388-491 and 512-585, with flexible inter-subdomain linker regions comprising residues Lys106 to Glu119, Glu292 to Val1315 and Glu492 to Ala511.

Preferably, the albumin portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention comprises at least one subdomain or domain of HA or conservative modifications thereof. If the fusion is based on subdomains, some or all of the adjacent linker is preferably used to link to the Therapeutic protein moiety.

Antibodies that Specifically bind Therapeutic proteins are also Therapeutic proteins

The present invention also encompasses albumin fusion proteins that comprise at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein disclosed in Table 1. It is specifically contemplated that the term "Therapeutic protein" encompasses antibodies that bind a Therapeutic protein and fragments and variants thereof. Thus an albumin fusion protein of the invention may contain at least a fragment or variant of a Therapeutic protein, and/or at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein.

Antibody structure and background

The basic antibody structural unit is known to comprise a tetramer. Each tetramer is composed of two identical pairs of polypeptide chains, each pair having one "light" (about 25 kDa) and one "heavy" chain (about 50-70 kDa). The amino-terminal portion of each chain includes a variable region of about 100 to 110 or more amino acids primarily responsible for antigen recognition. The carboxy-terminal portion of each chain defines a constant region primarily responsible for effector function. Human light chains are classified as kappa and lambda light chains. Heavy chains are classified as mu, delta, gamma, alpha, or epsilon, and define the antibody's isotype as IgM, IgD, IgG, IgA, and IgE, respectively. *See generally, Fundamental Immunology Chapters 3-5 (Paul, W., ed., 4th ed. Raven Press, N.Y. (1998))* (incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes). The variable regions of each light/heavy chain pair form the antibody binding site.

Thus, an intact IgG antibody has two binding sites. Except in bifunctional or bispecific antibodies, the two binding sites are the same.

The chains all exhibit the same general structure of relatively conserved framework regions (FR) joined by three hypervariable regions, also called complementarity determining regions or CDRs. The CDR regions, in general, are the portions of the antibody which make contact with the antigen and determine its specificity. The CDRs from the heavy and the light chains of each pair are aligned by the framework regions, enabling binding to a specific

epitope. From N-terminal to C-terminal, both light and heavy chains variable regions comprise the domains FR1, CDR1, FR2, CDR2, FR3, CDR3 and FR4. The variable regions are connected to the heavy or light chain constant region. The assignment of amino acids to each domain is in accordance with the definitions of Kabat *Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest* (National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. (1987 and 1991)), or Chothia & Lesk *J Mol. Biol.* 196:901-917 (1987); Chothia et al. *Nature* 342:878-883 (1989).

As used herein, "antibody" refers to immunoglobulin molecules and immunologically active portions of immunoglobulin molecules, i.e., molecules that contain an antigen binding site that specifically binds an antigen (e.g., a molecule containing one or more CDR regions of an antibody). Antibodies that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein include, but are not limited to, monoclonal, multispecific, human, humanized or chimeric antibodies, single chain antibodies (e.g., single chain Fvs), Fab fragments, F(ab') fragments, fragments produced by a Fab expression library, anti-idiotypic (anti-Id) antibodies (including, e.g., anti-Id antibodies specific to antibodies of the invention), and epitope-binding fragments of any of the above (e.g., VH domains, VL domains, or one or more CDR regions).

Antibodies that bind Therapeutic Proteins

The present invention encompasses albumin fusion proteins that comprise at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic Protein (e.g., as disclosed in Table 1) or fragment or variant thereof.

Antibodies that bind a Therapeutic protein (or fragment or variant thereof) may be from any animal origin, including birds and mammals. Preferably, the antibodies are human, murine (e.g., mouse and rat), donkey, sheep, rabbit, goat, guinea pig, camel, horse, or chicken antibodies. Most preferably, the antibodies are human antibodies. As used herein, "human" antibodies include antibodies having the amino acid sequence of a human immunoglobulin and include antibodies isolated from human immunoglobulin libraries and xenomice or other organisms that have been genetically engineered to produce human antibodies.

The antibody molecules that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention can be of any type (e.g., IgG, IgE, IgM, IgD, IgA and IgY), class (e.g., IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, IgG4, IgA1 and IgA2) or subclass of immunoglobulin molecule. In preferred embodiments, the antibody molecules that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention are IgG1. In other preferred embodiments, the immunoglobulin molecules that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may

correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention are IgG2. In other preferred embodiments, the immunoglobulin molecules that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention are IgG4.

5 Most preferably the antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention are human antigen-binding antibody fragments of the present invention and include, but are not limited to, Fab, Fab' and F(ab')2, Fd, single-chain Fvs (scFv), single-chain antibodies, disulfide-linked Fvs (sdFv) and fragments comprising either a VL or VH domain. Antigen-binding antibody fragments, including single-chain antibodies, may comprise the variable region(s) alone or in combination with the entirety or a portion of the following: hinge region, CH1, CH2, and CH3 domains.

10 The antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention may be monospecific, bispecific, trispecific or of greater multispecificity. Multispecific antibodies may be specific for different epitopes of a Therapeutic protein or may be specific for both a Therapeutic protein as well as for a heterologous epitope, such as a heterologous polypeptide or solid support material. See, e.g., PCT publications WO 93/17715; WO 92/08802; WO 15 91/00360; WO 92/05793; Tutt, et al., *J. Immunol.* 147:60-69 (1991); U.S. Patent Nos. 20 4,474,893; 4,714,681; 4,925,648; 5,573,920; 5,601,819; Kostelny et al., *J. Immunol.* 148:1547-1553 (1992).

25 Antibodies that bind a Therapeutic protein (or fragment or variant thereof) may be bispecific or bifunctional which means that the antibody is an artificial hybrid antibody having two different heavy/light chain pairs and two different binding sites. Bispecific antibodies can be produced by a variety of methods including fusion of hybridomas or linking of Fab' fragments. See, e.g., Songsivilai & Lachmann *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* 79: 315-321 (1990), Kostelny et al. *J Immunol.* 148:1547 1553 (1992). In addition, bispecific antibodies may be formed as "diabodies" (Holliger et al. "Diabodies": small bivalent and bispecific antibody fragments" PNAS USA 90:6444-6448 (1993)) or "Janusins" (Traunecker et al. "Bispecific 30 single chain molecules (Janusins) target cytotoxic lymphocytes on HIV infected cells" *EMBO J* 10:3655-3659 (1991) and Traunecker et al. "Janusin: new molecular design for bispecific reagents" *Int J Cancer Suppl* 7:51-52 (1992)).

35 The present invention also provides albumin fusion proteins that comprise, fragments or variants (including derivatives) of an antibody described herein or known elsewhere in the art. Standard techniques known to those of skill in the art can be used to introduce mutations in the nucleotide sequence encoding a molecule of the invention, including, for example,

site-directed mutagenesis and PCR-mediated mutagenesis which result in amino acid substitutions. Preferably, the variants (including derivatives) encode less than 50 amino acid substitutions, less than 40 amino acid substitutions, less than 30 amino acid substitutions, less than 25 amino acid substitutions, less than 20 amino acid substitutions, less than 15 amino acid substitutions, less than 10 amino acid substitutions, less than 5 amino acid substitutions, less than 4 amino acid substitutions, less than 3 amino acid substitutions, or less than 2 amino acid substitutions relative to the reference VH domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VL domain, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3. In specific embodiments, the variants encode substitutions of VHCDR3. In a preferred embodiment, the variants have conservative amino acid substitutions at one or more predicted non-essential amino acid residues.

Antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention may be described or specified in terms of the epitope(s) or portion(s) of a Therapeutic protein which they recognize or specifically bind. Antibodies which specifically bind a Therapeutic protein or a specific epitope of a Therapeutic protein may also be excluded. Therefore, the present invention encompasses antibodies that specifically bind Therapeutic proteins, and allows for the exclusion of the same. In preferred embodiments, albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, binds the same epitopes as the corresponding antibody (not fused to albumin) that binds a Therapeutic protein.

Antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention may also be described or specified in terms of their cross-reactivity. Antibodies that do not bind any other analog, ortholog, or homolog of a Therapeutic protein are included. Antibodies that bind polypeptides with at least 95%, at least 90%, at least 85%, at least 80%, at least 75%, at least 70%, at least 65%, at least 60%, at least 55%, and at least 50% identity (as calculated using methods known in the art and described herein) to a Therapeutic protein are also included in the present invention. In specific embodiments, antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention cross-react with murine, rat and/or rabbit homologs of human proteins and the corresponding epitopes thereof. Antibodies that do not bind polypeptides with less than 95%, less than 90%, less than 85%, less than 80%, less than 75%, less than 70%, less than 65%, less than 60%, less than 55%, and less than 50% identity (as calculated using methods known in the art and described herein) to a Therapeutic protein are also included in the present invention. In a specific embodiment, the above-described cross-reactivity is with respect to any single specific antigenic or immunogenic polypeptide, or combination(s) of 2, 3, 4, 5, or more of the specific antigenic and/or immunogenic polypeptides disclosed herein.

In preferred embodiments, albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, has similar or substantially identical cross reactivity characteristics compared to the corresponding antibody (not fused to albumin) that binds a Therapeutic protein.

5 Further included in the present invention are antibodies which bind polypeptides encoded by polynucleotides which hybridize to a polynucleotide encoding a Therapeutic protein under stringent hybridization conditions (as described herein). Antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention may also be described or specified in terms of their binding
10 affinity to a polypeptide of the invention. Preferred binding affinities include those with a dissociation constant or Kd less than 5×10^{-2} M, 10^{-2} M, 5×10^{-3} M, 10^{-3} M, 5×10^{-4} M, 10^{-4} M. More preferred binding affinities include those with a dissociation constant or Kd less than 5×10^{-5} M, 10^{-5} M, 5×10^{-6} M, 10^{-6} M, 5×10^{-7} M, 10^{-7} M, 5×10^{-8} M or 10^{-8} M. Even more preferred binding affinities include those with a dissociation constant or Kd less than 5×10^{-9} M, 10^{-9} M, 5×10^{-10} M, 10^{-10} M, 5×10^{-11} M, 10^{-11} M, 5×10^{-12} M, 10^{-12} M, 5×10^{-13} M, 10^{-13} M, 5×10^{-14} M, 10^{-14} M, 5×10^{-15} M, or 10^{-15} M. In preferred embodiments, albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, has an affinity for a given protein or epitope similar to that of the corresponding antibody (not fused to albumin) that binds a Therapeutic protein, taking into account the valency of the albumin fusion protein (comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein) and the valency of the corresponding antibody.

The invention also provides antibodies that competitively inhibit binding of an antibody to an epitope of a Therapeutic protein as determined by any method known in the art for determining competitive binding, for example, the immunoassays described herein. In preferred embodiments, the antibody competitively inhibits binding to the epitope by at least 95%, at least 90%, at least 85 %, at least 80%, at least 75%, at least 70%, at least 60%, or at least 50%. In preferred embodiments, albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, competitively inhibits binding of an antibody to an epitope of a Therapeutic protein as well as the corresponding antibody (not fused to albumin) that binds a Therapeutic protein, competitively inhibits binding of an antibody to an epitope of a Therapeutic protein. In other preferred embodiments, albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, competitively inhibits binding of the corresponding antibody (not fused to albumin) that binds a Therapeutic protein to an epitope of a Therapeutic protein by at least 95%, at least 90%, at least 85 %, at least 80%, at least 75%, at least 70%, at least 60%, or at least 50%.

Antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention may act as agonists or antagonists of the Therapeutic protein. For example, the present invention includes antibodies which disrupt the receptor/ligand interactions with the polypeptides of the invention either 5 partially or fully. The invention features both receptor-specific antibodies and ligand-specific antibodies. The invention also features receptor-specific antibodies which do not prevent ligand binding but prevent receptor activation. Receptor activation (i.e., signaling) may be determined by techniques described herein or otherwise known in the art. For example, receptor activation can be determined by detecting the phosphorylation (e.g., tyrosine or 10 serine/threonine) of the receptor or its substrate by immunoprecipitation followed by western blot analysis (for example, as described *supra*). In specific embodiments, antibodies are provided that inhibit ligand activity or receptor activity by at least 95%, at least 90%, at least 85%, at least 80%, at least 75%, at least 70%, at least 60%, or at least 50% of the activity in 15 absence of the antibody. In preferred embodiments, albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, has similar or substantially similar characteristics with regard to preventing ligand binding and/or preventing receptor activation compared to the corresponding antibody (not fused to albumin) that binds a Therapeutic protein.

The invention also features receptor-specific antibodies which both prevent ligand 20 binding and receptor activation as well as antibodies that recognize the receptor-ligand complex, and, preferably, do not specifically recognize the unbound receptor or the unbound ligand. Likewise, included in the invention are neutralizing antibodies which bind the ligand and prevent binding of the ligand to the receptor, as well as antibodies which bind the ligand, thereby preventing receptor activation, but do not prevent the ligand from binding the 25 receptor. Further included in the invention are antibodies which activate the receptor. These antibodies may act as receptor agonists, i.e., potentiate or activate either all or a subset of the biological activities of the ligand-mediated receptor activation, for example, by inducing dimerization of the receptor. The antibodies may be specified as agonists, antagonists or inverse agonists for biological activities comprising the specific biological activities of the 30 Therapeutic proteins (e.g. as disclosed in Table 1). The above antibody agonists can be made using methods known in the art. See, e.g., PCT publication WO 96/40281; U.S. Patent No. 5,811,097; Deng et al., Blood 92(6):1981-1988 (1998); Chen et al., Cancer Res. 58(16):3668-3678 (1998); Harrop et al., J. Immunol. 161(4):1786-1794 (1998); Zhu et al., Cancer Res. 58(15):3209-3214 (1998); Yoon et al., J. Immunol. 160(7):3170-3179 (1998); 35 Prat et al., J. Cell. Sci. 111(Pt2):237-247 (1998); Pitard et al., J. Immunol. Methods 205(2):177-190 (1997); Lautard et al., Cytokine 9(4):233-241 (1997); Carlson et al., J.

Biol. Chem. 272(17):11295-11301 (1997); Taryman et al., Neuron 14(4):755-762 (1995); Muller et al., Structure 6(9):1153-1167 (1998); Bartunek et al., Cytokine 8(1):14-20 (1996) (which are all incorporated by reference herein in their entireties). In preferred embodiments, albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, have similar or substantially identical agonist or antagonist properties as the corresponding antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein not fused to albumin.

Antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention may be used, for example, to purify, detect, and target Therapeutic proteins, including both in *in vitro* and *in vivo* diagnostic and therapeutic methods. For example, the antibodies have utility in immunoassays for qualitatively and quantitatively measuring levels of the Therapeutic protein in biological samples. See, e.g., Harlow et al., *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual*, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1988); incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. Likewise, albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, may be used, for example, to purify, detect, and target Therapeutic proteins, including both in *in vitro* and *in vivo* diagnostic and therapeutic methods.

Antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein include derivatives that are modified, i.e., by the covalent attachment of any type of molecule to the antibody. For example, but not by way of limitation, the antibody derivatives include antibodies that have been modified, e.g., by glycosylation, acetylation, pegylation, phosphorylation, amidation, derivatization by known protecting/blocking groups, proteolytic cleavage, linkage to a cellular ligand or other protein, etc. Any of numerous chemical modifications may be carried out by known techniques, including, but not limited to specific chemical cleavage, acetylation, formylation, metabolic synthesis of tunicamycin, etc. Additionally, the derivative may contain one or more non-classical amino acids. Albumin fusion proteins of the invention may also be modified as described above.

Methods of Producing Antibodies that bind Therapeutic Proteins

The antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention may be generated by any suitable method known in the art. Polyclonal antibodies to an antigen-of-interest can be produced by various procedures well known in the art. For example, a Therapeutic protein may be administered to various host animals including, but not limited to, rabbits, mice, rats, etc. to induce the production of sera containing polyclonal antibodies specific for the antigen. Various adjuvants may be used to increase the immunological response, depending on the

host species, and include but are not limited to, Freund's (complete and incomplete), mineral gels such as aluminum hydroxide, surface active substances such as lysolecithin, pluronic polyols, polyanions, peptides, oil emulsions, keyhole limpet hemocyanins, dinitrophenol, and potentially useful human adjuvants such as BCG (bacille Calmette-Guerin) and 5 corynebacterium parvum. Such adjuvants are also well known in the art.

Monoclonal antibodies can be prepared using a wide variety of techniques known in the art including the use of hybridoma, recombinant, and phage display technologies, or a combination thereof. For example, monoclonal antibodies can be produced using hybridoma techniques including those known in the art and taught, for example, in Harlow et al., 10 Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1988); Hammerling, et al., in: Monoclonal Antibodies and T-Cell Hybridomas 563-681 (Elsevier, N.Y., 1981) (said references incorporated by reference in their entireties). The term "monoclonal antibody" as used herein is not limited to antibodies produced through hybridoma technology. The term "monoclonal antibody" refers to an antibody that is derived 15 from a single clone, including any eukaryotic, prokaryotic, or phage clone, and not the method by which it is produced.

Methods for producing and screening for specific antibodies using hybridoma technology are routine and well known in the art. In a non-limiting example, mice can be immunized with a Therapeutic protein or fragment or variant thereof or a cell expressing such 20 a Therapeutic protein or fragment or variant thereof. Once an immune response is detected, e.g., antibodies specific for the antigen are detected in the mouse serum, the mouse spleen is harvested and splenocytes isolated. The splenocytes are then fused by well known techniques to any suitable myeloma cells, for example cells from cell line SP20 available from the ATCC. Hybridomas are selected and cloned by limited dilution. The hybridoma clones are then 25 assayed by methods known in the art for cells that secrete antibodies capable of binding a polypeptide of the invention. Ascites fluid, which generally contains high levels of antibodies, can be generated by immunizing mice with positive hybridoma clones.

Accordingly, the present invention provides methods of generating monoclonal antibodies as well as antibodies produced by the method comprising culturing a hybridoma 30 cell secreting an antibody wherein, preferably, the hybridoma is generated by fusing splenocytes isolated from a mouse immunized with an antigen of the invention with myeloma cells and then screening the hybridomas resulting from the fusion for hybridoma clones that secrete an antibody able to bind a polypeptide of the invention.

Another well known method for producing both polyclonal and monoclonal human B 35 cell lines is transformation using Epstein Barr Virus (EBV). Protocols for generating EBV-transformed B cell lines are commonly known in the art, such as, for example, the protocol

outlined in Chapter 7.22 of Current Protocols in Immunology, Coligan et al., Eds., 1994, John Wiley & Sons, NY, which is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference. The source of B cells for transformation is commonly human peripheral blood, but B cells for transformation may also be derived from other sources including, but not limited to, lymph nodes, tonsil, spleen, tumor tissue, and infected tissues. Tissues are generally made into single cell suspensions prior to EBV transformation. Additionally, steps may be taken to either physically remove or inactivate T cells (e.g., by treatment with cyclosporin A) in B cell-containing samples, because T cells from individuals seropositive for anti-EBV antibodies can suppress B cell immortalization by EBV.

In general, the sample containing human B cells is inoculated with EBV, and cultured for 3-4 weeks. A typical source of EBV is the culture supernatant of the B95-8 cell line (ATCC #VR-1492). Physical signs of EBV transformation can generally be seen towards the end of the 3-4 week culture period. By phase-contrast microscopy, transformed cells may appear large, clear, hairy and tend to aggregate in tight clusters of cells. Initially, EBV lines are generally polyclonal. However, over prolonged periods of cell cultures, EBV lines may become monoclonal or polyclonal as a result of the selective outgrowth of particular B cell clones. Alternatively, polyclonal EBV transformed lines may be subcloned (e.g., by limiting dilution culture) or fused with a suitable fusion partner and plated at limiting dilution to obtain monoclonal B cell lines. Suitable fusion partners for EBV transformed cell lines include mouse myeloma cell lines (e.g., SP2/0, X63-Ag8.653), heteromyeloma cell lines (human x mouse; e.g., SPAM-8, SBC-H20, and CB-F7), and human cell lines (e.g., GM 1500, SKO-007, RPMI 8226, and KR-4). Thus, the present invention also provides a method of generating polyclonal or monoclonal human antibodies against polypeptides of the invention or fragments thereof, comprising EBV-transformation of human B cells.

Antibody fragments which recognize specific epitopes may be generated by known techniques. For example, Fab and F(ab')2 fragments of the invention may be produced by proteolytic cleavage of immunoglobulin molecules, using enzymes such as papain (to produce Fab fragments) or pepsin (to produce F(ab')2 fragments). F(ab')2 fragments contain the variable region, the light chain constant region and the CH1 domain of the heavy chain.

For example, antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein can also be generated using various phage display methods known in the art. In phage display methods, functional antibody domains are displayed on the surface of phage particles which carry the polynucleotide sequences encoding them. In a particular embodiment, such phage can be utilized to display antigen binding domains expressed from a repertoire or combinatorial antibody library (e.g., human or murine). Phage expressing an antigen binding domain that binds the antigen of interest can be selected or identified with antigen, e.g., using labeled

antigen or antigen bound or captured to a solid surface or bead. Phage used in these methods are typically filamentous phage including fd and M13 binding domains expressed from phage with Fab, Fv or disulfide stabilized Fv antibody domains recombinantly fused to either the phage gene III or gene VIII protein. Examples of phage display methods that can be used to make antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein include those disclosed in Brinkman et al., J. Immunol. Methods 182:41-50 (1995); Ames et al., J. Immunol. Methods 184:177-186 (1995); Kettleborough et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 24:952-958 (1994); Persic et al., Gene 187 9-18 (1997); Burton et al., Advances in Immunology 57:191-280 (1994); PCT application No. PCT/GB91/01134; PCT publications WO 90/02809; WO 91/10737; WO 92/01047; WO 92/18619; WO 93/11236; WO 95/15982; WO 95/20401; and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,698,426; 5,223,409; 5,403,484; 5,580,717; 5,427,908; 5,750,753; 5,821,047; 5,571,698; 5,427,908; 5,516,637; 5,780,225; 5,658,727; 5,733,743 and 5,969,108; each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

As described in the above references, after phage selection, the antibody coding regions from the phage can be isolated and used to generate whole antibodies, including human antibodies, or any other desired antigen binding fragment, and expressed in any desired host, including mammalian cells, insect cells, plant cells, yeast, and bacteria, e.g., as described in detail below. For example, techniques to recombinantly produce Fab, Fab' and F(ab')2 fragments can also be employed using methods known in the art such as those disclosed in PCT publication WO 92/22324; Mullinax et al., BioTechniques 12(6):864-869 (1992); and Sawai et al., AJRI 34:26-34 (1995); and Better et al., Science 240:1041-1043 (1988) (said references incorporated by reference in their entireties).

Examples of techniques which can be used to produce single-chain Fvs and antibodies include those described in U.S. Patents 4,946,778 and 5,258,498; Huston et al., Methods in Enzymology 203:46-88 (1991); Shu et al., PNAS 90:7995-7999 (1993); and Skerra et al., Science 240:1038-1040 (1988). For some uses, including *in vivo* use of antibodies in humans and *in vitro* detection assays, it may be preferable to use chimeric, humanized, or human antibodies. A chimeric antibody is a molecule in which different portions of the antibody are derived from different animal species, such as antibodies having a variable region derived from a murine monoclonal antibody and a human immunoglobulin constant region. Methods for producing chimeric antibodies are known in the art. See e.g., Morrison, Science 229:1202 (1985); Oi et al., BioTechniques 4:214 (1986); Gillies et al., (1989) J. Immunol. Methods 125:191-202; U.S. Patent Nos. 5,807,715; 4,816,567; and 4,816,397, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. Humanized antibodies are antibody molecules from non-human species antibody that binds the desired antigen having one or more complementarity determining regions (CDRs) from the non-

human species and a framework regions from a human immunoglobulin molecule. Often, framework residues in the human framework regions will be substituted with the corresponding residue from the CDR donor antibody to alter, preferably improve, antigen binding. These framework substitutions are identified by methods well known in the art,

5 e.g., by modeling of the interactions of the CDR and framework residues to identify framework residues important for antigen binding and sequence comparison to identify unusual framework residues at particular positions. (See, e.g., Queen et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,585,089; Riechmann et al., *Nature* 332:323 (1988), which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.) Antibodies can be humanized using a variety of techniques
10 known in the art including, for example, CDR-grafting (EP 239,400; PCT publication WO 91/09967; U.S. Patent Nos. 5,225,539; 5,530,101; and 5,585,089), veneering or resurfacing (EP 592,106; EP 519,596; Padlan, *Molecular Immunology* 28(4/5):489-498 (1991); Studnicka et al., *Protein Engineering* 7(6):805-814 (1994); Roguska. et al., *PNAS* 91:969-973 (1994)), and chain shuffling (U.S. Patent No. 5,565,332).

15 Completely human antibodies are particularly desirable for therapeutic treatment of human patients. Human antibodies can be made by a variety of methods known in the art including phage display methods described above using antibody libraries derived from human immunoglobulin sequences. See also, U.S. Patent Nos. 4,444,887 and 4,716,111; and PCT publications WO 98/46645, WO 98/50433, WO 98/24893, WO 98/16654, WO
20 96/34096, WO 96/33735, and WO 91/10741; each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Human antibodies can also be produced using transgenic mice which are incapable of expressing functional endogenous immunoglobulins, but which can express human immunoglobulin genes. For example, the human heavy and light chain immunoglobulin gene complexes may be introduced randomly or by homologous recombination into mouse embryonic stem cells. Alternatively, the human variable region, constant region, and diversity region may be introduced into mouse embryonic stem cells in addition to the human heavy and light chain genes. The mouse heavy and light chain immunoglobulin genes may be rendered non-functional separately or simultaneously with the introduction of human
25 immunoglobulin loci by homologous recombination. In particular, homozygous deletion of the JH region prevents endogenous antibody production. The modified embryonic stem cells are expanded and microinjected into blastocysts to produce chimeric mice. The chimeric mice are then bred to produce homozygous offspring which express human antibodies. The transgenic mice are immunized in the normal fashion with a selected antigen, e.g., all or a
30 portion of a polypeptide of the invention. Monoclonal antibodies directed against the antigen are obtained from the immunized, transgenic mice using conventional hybridoma
35 technology.

technology. The human immunoglobulin transgenes harbored by the transgenic mice rearrange during B cell differentiation, and subsequently undergo class switching and somatic mutation. Thus, using such a technique, it is possible to produce therapeutically useful IgG, IgA, IgM and IgE antibodies. For an overview of this technology for producing human antibodies, see Lonberg and Huszar, *Int. Rev. Immunol.* 13:65-93 (1995). For a detailed discussion of this technology for producing human antibodies and human monoclonal antibodies and protocols for producing such antibodies, see, e.g., PCT publications WO 98/24893; WO 92/01047; WO 96/34096; WO 96/33735; European Patent No. 0 598 877; U.S. Patent Nos. 5,413,923; 5,625,126; 5,633,425; 5,569,825; 5,661,016; 5,545,806; 5,814,318; 5,885,793; 5,916,771; 5,939,598; 6,075,181; and 6,114,598, which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety. In addition, companies such as Abgenix, Inc. (Freemont, CA) and Genpharm (San Jose, CA) can be engaged to provide human antibodies directed against a selected antigen using technology similar to that described above.

Completely human antibodies which recognize a selected epitope can be generated using a technique referred to as "guided selection." In this approach a selected non-human monoclonal antibody, e.g., a mouse antibody, is used to guide the selection of a completely human antibody recognizing the same epitope. (Jespers et al., *Bio/technology* 12:899-903 (1988)).

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Polynucleotides Encoding Antibodies

The invention further provides polynucleotides comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody and fragments thereof. The invention also encompasses polynucleotides that hybridize under stringent or alternatively, under lower stringency hybridization conditions, e.g., as defined *supra*, to polynucleotides that encode an antibody, preferably, that specifically binds to a Therapeutic protein, preferably, an antibody that binds to a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a "Therapeutic Protein X" as disclosed in the "Exemplary Identifier" column of Table 1.

The polynucleotides may be obtained, and the nucleotide sequence of the polynucleotides determined, by any method known in the art. For example, if the nucleotide sequence of the antibody is known, a polynucleotide encoding the antibody may be assembled from chemically synthesized oligonucleotides (e.g., as described in Kutmeier et al., *BioTechniques* 17:242 (1994)), which, briefly, involves the synthesis of overlapping oligonucleotides containing portions of the sequence encoding the antibody, annealing and ligating of those oligonucleotides, and then amplification of the ligated oligonucleotides by PCR.

Alternatively, a polynucleotide encoding an antibody may be generated from nucleic acid from a suitable source. If a clone containing a nucleic acid encoding a particular antibody is not available, but the sequence of the antibody molecule is known, a nucleic acid encoding the immunoglobulin may be chemically synthesized or obtained from a suitable source (e.g.,
5 an antibody cDNA library, or a cDNA library generated from, or nucleic acid, preferably poly A+ RNA, isolated from, any tissue or cells expressing the antibody, such as hybridoma cells selected to express an antibody) by PCR amplification using synthetic primers hybridizable to the 3' and 5' ends of the sequence or by cloning using an oligonucleotide probe specific for the particular gene sequence to identify, e.g., a cDNA clone from a cDNA library that
10 encodes the antibody. Amplified nucleic acids generated by PCR may then be cloned into replicable cloning vectors using any method well known in the art (see, Example 60).

Once the nucleotide sequence and corresponding amino acid sequence of the antibody is determined, the nucleotide sequence of the antibody may be manipulated using methods well known in the art for the manipulation of nucleotide sequences, e.g., recombinant DNA
15 techniques, site directed mutagenesis, PCR, etc. (see, for example, the techniques described in Sambrook et al., 1990, Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, 2d Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY and Ausubel et al., eds., 1998, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley & Sons, NY, which are both incorporated by reference herein in their entireties), to generate antibodies having a different amino acid
20 sequence, for example to create amino acid substitutions, deletions, and/or insertions.

In a specific embodiment, the amino acid sequence of the heavy and/or light chain variable domains may be inspected to identify the sequences of the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) by methods that are well known in the art, e.g., by comparison to known amino acid sequences of other heavy and light chain variable regions to determine the
25 regions of sequence hypervariability. Using routine recombinant DNA techniques, one or more of the CDRs may be inserted within framework regions, e.g., into human framework regions to humanize a non-human antibody, as described *supra*. The framework regions may be naturally occurring or consensus framework regions, and preferably human framework regions (see, e.g., Chothia et al., J. Mol. Biol. 278: 457-479 (1998) for a listing of human
30 framework regions). Preferably, the polynucleotide generated by the combination of the framework regions and CDRs encodes an antibody that specifically binds a polypeptide of the invention. Preferably, as discussed *supra*, one or more amino acid substitutions may be made within the framework regions, and, preferably, the amino acid substitutions improve binding of the antibody to its antigen. Additionally, such methods may be used to make
35 amino acid substitutions or deletions of one or more variable region cysteine residues participating in an intrachain disulfide bond to generate antibody molecules lacking one or

more intrachain disulfide bonds. Other alterations to the polynucleotide are encompassed by the present invention and within the skill of the art.

In addition, techniques developed for the production of "chimeric antibodies" (Morrison et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 81:851-855 (1984); Neuberger et al., Nature 312:604-608 (1984); Takeda et al., Nature 314:452-454 (1985)) by splicing genes from a mouse antibody molecule of appropriate antigen specificity together with genes from a human antibody molecule of appropriate biological activity can be used. As described *supra*, a chimeric antibody is a molecule in which different portions are derived from different animal species, such as those having a variable region derived from a murine mAb and a human immunoglobulin constant region, e.g., humanized antibodies.

Alternatively, techniques described for the production of single chain antibodies (U.S. Patent No. 4,946,778; Bird, Science 242:423- 42 (1988); Huston et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85:5879-5883 (1988); and Ward et al., Nature 334:544-54 (1989)) can be adapted to produce single chain antibodies. Single chain antibodies are formed by linking the heavy and light chain fragments of the Fv region via an amino acid bridge, resulting in a single chain polypeptide. Techniques for the assembly of functional Fv fragments in E. coli may also be used (Skerra et al., Science 242:1038- 1041 (1988)).

Recombinant Expression of Antibodies

Recombinant expression of an antibody, or fragment, derivative or analog thereof, (e.g., a heavy or light chain of an antibody or a single chain antibody), requires construction of an expression vector containing a polynucleotide that encodes the antibody. Once a polynucleotide encoding an antibody molecule or a heavy or light chain of an antibody, or portion thereof (preferably containing the heavy or light chain variable domain), of the invention has been obtained, the vector for the production of the antibody molecule may be produced by recombinant DNA technology using techniques well known in the art. Thus, methods for preparing a protein by expressing a polynucleotide containing an antibody encoding nucleotide sequence are described herein. Methods which are well known to those skilled in the art can be used to construct expression vectors containing antibody coding sequences and appropriate transcriptional and translational control signals. These methods include, for example, *in vitro* recombinant DNA techniques, synthetic techniques, and *in vivo* genetic recombination. The invention, thus, provides replicable vectors comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody molecule of the invention, or a heavy or light chain thereof, or a heavy or light chain variable domain, operably linked to a promoter. Such vectors may include the nucleotide sequence encoding the constant region of the antibody molecule (see, e.g., PCT Publication WO 86/05807; PCT Publication WO 89/01036; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,122,464) and the variable domain of the antibody may be cloned into such a vector for expression of the entire heavy or light chain.

The expression vector is transferred to a host cell by conventional techniques and the transfected cells are then cultured by conventional techniques to produce an antibody. Thus, 5 the invention includes host cells containing a polynucleotide encoding an antibody of the invention, or a heavy or light chain thereof, or a single chain antibody, operably linked to a heterologous promoter. In preferred embodiments for the expression of double-chained antibodies, vectors encoding both the heavy and light chains may be co-expressed in the host cell for expression of the entire immunoglobulin molecule, as detailed below.

10 A variety of host-expression vector systems may be utilized to express the antibody molecules of the invention. Such host-expression systems represent vehicles by which the coding sequences of interest may be produced and subsequently purified, but also represent cells which may, when transformed or transfected with the appropriate nucleotide coding sequences, express an antibody molecule of the invention *in situ*. These include but are not 15 limited to microorganisms such as bacteria (e.g., *E. coli*, *B. subtilis*) transformed with recombinant bacteriophage DNA, plasmid DNA or cosmid DNA expression vectors containing antibody coding sequences; yeast (e.g., *Saccharomyces*, *Pichia*) transformed with recombinant yeast expression vectors containing antibody coding sequences; insect cell systems infected with recombinant virus expression vectors (e.g., baculovirus) containing 20 antibody coding sequences; plant cell systems infected with recombinant virus expression vectors (e.g., cauliflower mosaic virus, CaMV; tobacco mosaic virus, TMV) or transformed with recombinant plasmid expression vectors (e.g., Ti plasmid) containing antibody coding sequences; or mammalian cell systems (e.g., COS, CHO, BHK, 293, 3T3 cells) harboring recombinant expression constructs containing promoters derived from the genome of 25 mammalian cells (e.g., metallothionein promoter) or from mammalian viruses (e.g., the adenovirus late promoter; the vaccinia virus 7.5K promoter). Preferably, bacterial cells such as *Escherichia coli*, and more preferably, eukaryotic cells, especially for the expression of whole recombinant antibody molecule, are used for the expression of a recombinant antibody molecule. For example, mammalian cells such as Chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO), in 30 conjunction with a vector such as the major intermediate early gene promoter element from human cytomegalovirus is an effective expression system for antibodies (Foecking et al., Gene 45:101 (1986); Cockett et al., Bio/Technology 8:2 (1990)).

In bacterial systems, a number of expression vectors may be advantageously selected depending upon the use intended for the antibody molecule being expressed. For example, 35 when a large quantity of such a protein is to be produced, for the generation of pharmaceutical compositions of an antibody molecule, vectors which direct the expression of high levels of

fusion protein products that are readily purified may be desirable. Such vectors include, but are not limited, to the *E. coli* expression vector pUR278 (Ruther et al., EMBO J. 2:1791 (1983)), in which the antibody coding sequence may be ligated individually into the vector in frame with the lac Z coding region so that a fusion protein is produced; pIN vectors (Inouye & Inouye, Nucleic Acids Res. 13:3101-3109 (1985); Van Heeke & Schuster, J. Biol. Chem. 24:5503-5509 (1989)); and the like. pGEX vectors may also be used to express foreign polypeptides as fusion proteins with glutathione S-transferase (GST). In general, such fusion proteins are soluble and can easily be purified from lysed cells by adsorption and binding to matrix glutathione-agarose beads followed by elution in the presence of free glutathione. The pGEX vectors are designed to include thrombin or factor Xa protease cleavage sites so that the cloned target gene product can be released from the GST moiety.

In an insect system, *Autographa californica* nuclear polyhedrosis virus (AcNPV) is used as a vector to express foreign genes. The virus grows in *Spodoptera frugiperda* cells. The antibody coding sequence may be cloned individually into non-essential regions (for example the polyhedrin gene) of the virus and placed under control of an AcNPV promoter (for example the polyhedrin promoter).

In mammalian host cells, a number of viral-based expression systems may be utilized. In cases where an adenovirus is used as an expression vector, the antibody coding sequence of interest may be ligated to an adenovirus transcription/translation control complex, e.g., the late promoter and tripartite leader sequence. This chimeric gene may then be inserted in the adenovirus genome by *in vitro* or *in vivo* recombination. Insertion in a non- essential region of the viral genome (e.g., region E1 or E3) will result in a recombinant virus that is viable and capable of expressing the antibody molecule in infected hosts. (e.g., see Logan & Shenk, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 81:355-359 (1984)). Specific initiation signals may also be required for efficient translation of inserted antibody coding sequences. These signals include the ATG initiation codon and adjacent sequences. Furthermore, the initiation codon must be in phase with the reading frame of the desired coding sequence to ensure translation of the entire insert. These exogenous translational control signals and initiation codons can be of a variety of origins, both natural and synthetic. The efficiency of expression may be enhanced by the inclusion of appropriate transcription enhancer elements, transcription terminators, etc. (see Bittner et al., Methods in Enzymol. 153:51-544 (1987)).

In addition, a host cell strain may be chosen which modulates the expression of the inserted sequences, or modifies and processes the gene product in the specific fashion desired. Such modifications (e.g., glycosylation) and processing (e.g., cleavage) of protein products may be important for the function of the protein. Different host cells have characteristic and specific mechanisms for the post-translational processing and modification

of proteins and gene products. Appropriate cell lines or host systems can be chosen to ensure the correct modification and processing of the foreign protein expressed. To this end, eukaryotic host cells which possess the cellular machinery for proper processing of the primary transcript, glycosylation, and phosphorylation of the gene product may be used.

5 Such mammalian host cells include but are not limited to CHO, VERY, BHK, Hela, COS, MDCK, 293, 3T3, WI38, and in particular, breast cancer cell lines such as, for example, BT483, Hs578T, HTB2, BT20 and T47D, and normal mammary gland cell line such as, for example, CRL7030 and Hs578Bst.

10 For long-term, high-yield production of recombinant proteins, stable expression is preferred. For example, cell lines which stably express the antibody molecule may be engineered. Rather than using expression vectors which contain viral origins of replication, host cells can be transformed with DNA controlled by appropriate expression control elements (e.g., promoter, enhancer, sequences, transcription terminators, polyadenylation sites, etc.), and a selectable marker. Following the introduction of the foreign DNA, engineered cells 15 may be allowed to grow for 1-2 days in an enriched media, and then are switched to a selective media. The selectable marker in the recombinant plasmid confers resistance to the selection and allows cells to stably integrate the plasmid into their chromosomes and grow to form foci which in turn can be cloned and expanded into cell lines. This method may advantageously be used to engineer cell lines which express the antibody molecule. Such 20 engineered cell lines may be particularly useful in screening and evaluation of compounds that interact directly or indirectly with the antibody molecule.

A number of selection systems may be used, including but not limited to the herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase (Wigler et al., Cell 11:223 (1977)), hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase (Szybalska & Szybalski, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 48:202 25 (1992)), and adenine phosphoribosyltransferase (Lowy et al., Cell 22:817 (1980)) genes can be employed in tk-, hprt- or aprt- cells, respectively. Also, antimetabolite resistance can be used as the basis of selection for the following genes: dhfr, which confers resistance to methotrexate (Wigler et al., Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 77:357 (1980); O'Hare et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:1527 (1981)); gpt, which confers resistance to mycophenolic acid 30 (Mulligan & Berg, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:2072 (1981)); neo, which confers resistance to the aminoglycoside G-418 Clinical Pharmacy 12:488-505; Wu and Wu, Biotherapy 3:87-95 (1991); Tolstoshev, Ann. Rev. Pharmacol. Toxicol. 32:573-596 (1993); Mulligan, Science 260:926-932 (1993); and Morgan and Anderson, Ann. Rev. Biochem. 62:191-217 (1993); May, 1993, TIB TECH 11(5):155-215 (1993)); and hygro, which 35 confers resistance to hygromycin (Santerre et al., Gene 30:147 (1984)). Methods commonly known in the art of recombinant DNA technology may be routinely applied to select the

desired recombinant clone, and such methods are described, for example, in Ausubel et al. (eds.), *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1993); Kriegler, *Gene Transfer and Expression, A Laboratory Manual*, Stockton Press, NY (1990); and in Chapters 12 and 13, Dracopoli et al. (eds), *Current Protocols in Human Genetics*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1994); Colberre-Garapin et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 150:1 (1981), which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

The expression levels of an antibody molecule can be increased by vector amplification (for a review, see Bebbington and Hentschel, *The use of vectors based on gene amplification for the expression of cloned genes in mammalian cells in DNA cloning, Vol.3.* Academic Press, New York, 1987)). When a marker in the vector system expressing antibody is amplifiable, increase in the level of inhibitor present in culture of host cell will increase the number of copies of the marker gene. Since the amplified region is associated with the antibody gene, production of the antibody will also increase (Crouse et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 3:257 (1983)).

Vectors which use glutamine synthase (GS) or DHFR as the selectable markers can be amplified in the presence of the drugs methionine sulphoximine or methotrexate, respectively. An advantage of glutamine synthase based vectors are the availability of cell lines (e.g., the murine myeloma cell line, NS0) which are glutamine synthase negative. Glutamine synthase expression systems can also function in glutamine synthase-expressing cells (e.g. Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells) by providing additional inhibitor to prevent the functioning of the endogenous gene. A glutamine synthase expression system and components thereof are detailed in PCT publications: WO87/04462; WO86/05807; WO89/01036; WO89/10404; and WO91/06657 which are incorporated in their entireties by reference herein. Additionally, glutamine synthase expression vectors that may be used according to the present invention are commercially available from suppliers, including, for example Lonza Biologics, Inc. (Portsmouth, NH). Expression and production of monoclonal antibodies using a GS expression system in murine myeloma cells is described in Bebbington et al., *Bio/technology* 10:169(1992) and in Biblia and Robinson *Biotechnol. Prog.* 11:1 (1995) which are incorporated in their entireties by reference herein.

The host cell may be co-transfected with two expression vectors of the invention, the first vector encoding a heavy chain derived polypeptide and the second vector encoding a light chain derived polypeptide. The two vectors may contain identical selectable markers which enable equal expression of heavy and light chain polypeptides. Alternatively, a single vector may be used which encodes, and is capable of expressing, both heavy and light chain polypeptides. In such situations, the light chain should be placed before the heavy chain to avoid an excess of toxic free heavy chain (Proudfoot, *Nature* 322:52 (1986); Kohler, *Proc.*

Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 77:2197 (1980)). The coding sequences for the heavy and light chains may comprise cDNA or genomic DNA.

Once an antibody molecule of the invention has been produced by an animal, chemically synthesized, or recombinantly expressed, it may be purified by any method known in the art for purification of an immunoglobulin molecule, for example, by chromatography (e.g., ion exchange, affinity, particularly by affinity for the specific antigen after Protein A, and sizing column chromatography), centrifugation, differential solubility, or by any other standard technique for the purification of proteins. In addition, the antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention or fragments thereof can be fused to heterologous polypeptide sequences described herein or otherwise known in the art, to facilitate purification.

Modifications of Antibodies

Antibodies that bind a Therapeutic protein or fragments or variants can be fused to marker sequences, such as a peptide to facilitate purification. In preferred embodiments, the marker amino acid sequence is a hexa-histidine peptide, such as the tag provided in a pQE vector (QIAGEN, Inc., 9259 Eton Avenue, Chatsworth, CA, 91311), among others, many of which are commercially available. As described in Gentz et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 86:821-824 (1989), for instance, hexa-histidine provides for convenient purification of the fusion protein. Other peptide tags useful for purification include, but are not limited to, the "HA" tag, which corresponds to an epitope derived from the influenza hemagglutinin protein (Wilson et al., Cell 37:767 (1984)) and the "flag" tag.

The present invention further encompasses antibodies or fragments thereof conjugated to a diagnostic or therapeutic agent. The antibodies can be used diagnostically to, for example, monitor the development or progression of a tumor as part of a clinical testing procedure to, e.g., determine the efficacy of a given treatment regimen. Detection can be facilitated by coupling the antibody to a detectable substance. Examples of detectable substances include various enzymes, prosthetic groups; fluorescent materials, luminescent materials, bioluminescent materials, radioactive materials, positron emitting metals using various positron emission tomographies, and nonradioactive paramagnetic metal ions. The detectable substance may be coupled or conjugated either directly to the antibody (or fragment thereof) or indirectly, through an intermediate (such as, for example, a linker known in the art) using techniques known in the art. See, for example, U.S. Patent No. 4,741,900 for metal ions which can be conjugated to antibodies for use as diagnostics according to the present invention. Examples of suitable enzymes include horseradish peroxidase, alkaline phosphatase, beta-galactosidase, or acetylcholinesterase; examples of suitable prosthetic

group complexes include streptavidin/biotin and avidin/biotin; examples of suitable fluorescent materials include umbelliferone, fluorescein, fluorescein isothiocyanate, rhodamine, dichlorotriazinylamine fluorescein, dansyl chloride or phycoerythrin; an example of a luminescent material includes luminol; examples of bioluminescent materials include luciferase, luciferin, and aequorin; and examples of suitable radioactive material include 125I, 131I, 111In or 99Tc. Other examples of detectable substances have been described elsewhere herein.

Further, an antibody of the invention may be conjugated to a therapeutic moiety such as a cytotoxin, e.g., a cytostatic or cytoidal agent, a therapeutic agent or a radioactive metal ion, e.g., alpha-emitters such as, for example, 213Bi. A cytotoxin or cytotoxic agent includes any agent that is detrimental to cells. Examples include paclitaxol, cytochalasin B, gramicidin D, ethidium bromide, emetine, mitomycin, etoposide, tenoposide, vincristine, vinblastine, colchicin, doxorubicin, daunorubicin, dihydroxy anthracin dione, mitoxantrone, mithramycin, actinomycin D, 1-dehydrotosterone, glucocorticoids, procaine, tetracaine, lidocaine, propranolol, and puromycin and analogs or homologs thereof. Therapeutic agents include, but are not limited to, antimetabolites (e.g., methotrexate, 6-mercaptopurine, 6-thioguanine, cytarabine, 5-fluorouracil decarbazine), alkylating agents (e.g., mechlorethamine, thioepa chlorambucil, melphalan, carmustine (BSNU) and lomustine (CCNU), cyclothosphamide, busulfan, dibromomannitol, streptozotocin, mitomycin C, and cis- dichlorodiamine platinum (II) (DDP) cisplatin), anthracyclines (e.g., daunorubicin (formerly daunomycin) and doxorubicin), antibiotics (e.g., dactinomycin (formerly actinomycin), bleomycin, mithramycin, and anthramycin (AMC)), and anti-mitotic agents (e.g., vincristine and vinblastine).

The conjugates of the invention can be used for modifying a given biological response, the therapeutic agent or drug moiety is not to be construed as limited to classical chemical therapeutic agents. For example, the drug moiety may be a protein or polypeptide possessing a desired biological activity. Such proteins may include, for example, a toxin such as abrin, ricin A, pseudomonas exotoxin, or diphtheria toxin; a protein such as tumor necrosis factor, alpha-interferon, β -interferon, nerve growth factor, platelet derived growth factor, tissue plasminogen activator, an apoptotic agent, e.g., TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, AIM I (See, International Publication No. WO 97/33899), AIM II (See, International Publication No. WO 97/34911), Fas Ligand (Takahashi *et al.*, *Int. Immunol.*, 6:1567-1574 (1994)), VEGI (See, International Publication No. WO 99/23105), a thrombotic agent or an anti-angiogenic agent, e.g., angiostatin or endostatin; or, biological response modifiers such as, for example, lymphokines, interleukin-1 ("IL-1"), interleukin-2 ("IL-2"), interleukin-6 ("IL-

6”), granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor (“GM-CSF”), granulocyte colony stimulating factor (“G-CSF”), or other growth factors.

Antibodies may also be attached to solid supports, which are particularly useful for immunoassays or purification of the target antigen. Such solid supports include, but are not limited to, glass, cellulose, polyacrylamide, nylon, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride or polypropylene.

Techniques for conjugating such therapeutic moiety to antibodies are well known. See, for example, Arnon et al., “Monoclonal Antibodies For Immunotargeting Of Drugs In Cancer Therapy”, in Monoclonal Antibodies And Cancer Therapy, Reisfeld et al. (eds.), pp. 243-56 (Alan R. Liss, Inc. 1985); Hellstrom et al., “Antibodies For Drug Delivery”, in Controlled Drug Delivery (2nd Ed.), Robinson et al. (eds.), pp. 623-53 (Marcel Dekker, Inc. 1987); Thorpe, “Antibody Carriers Of Cytotoxic Agents In Cancer Therapy: A Review”, in Monoclonal Antibodies '84: Biological And Clinical Applications, Pinchera et al. (eds.), pp. 475-506 (1985); “Analysis, Results, And Future Prospective Of The Therapeutic Use Of Radiolabeled Antibody In Cancer Therapy”, in Monoclonal Antibodies For Cancer Detection And Therapy, Baldwin et al. (eds.), pp. 303-16 (Academic Press 1985), and Thorpe et al., “The Preparation And Cytotoxic Properties Of Antibody-Toxin Conjugates”, Immunol. Rev. 62:119-58 (1982).

Alternatively, an antibody can be conjugated to a second antibody to form an antibody heteroconjugate as described by Segal in U.S. Patent No. 4,676,980, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

An antibody, with or without a therapeutic moiety conjugated to it, administered alone or in combination with cytotoxic factor(s) and/or cytokine(s) can be used as a therapeutic.

25 *Antibody-albumin fusion*

Antibodies that bind to a Therapeutic protein and that may correspond to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein of the invention include, but are not limited to, antibodies that bind a Therapeutic protein disclosed in the “Therapeutic Protein X” column of Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof.

30 In specific embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, the VH domain. In other embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, one, two or three VH CDRs. In other embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a

Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, the VH CDR1. In other embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, the VH CDR2. In other 5 embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, the VH CDR3.

In specific embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin 10 fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, the VL domain. In other embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, one, two or three VL CDRs. In other embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a 15 Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, the VL CDR1. In other embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, the VL CDR2. In other embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic 20 protein and that corresponds to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, the VL CDR3.

In other embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, one, two, three, four, five, or six VH and/or 25 VL CDRs.

In preferred embodiments, the fragment or variant of an antibody that specifically binds a Therapeutic protein and that corresponds to a Therapeutic protein portion of an albumin fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, an scFv comprising the VH domain of the Therapeutic antibody, linked to the VL domain of the therapeutic antibody by a 30 peptide linker such as (Gly₄Ser)₃ (SEQ ID NO:36).

Immunophenotyping

The antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein (or fragment or 35 variant thereof) may be utilized for immunophenotyping of cell lines and biological samples. Therapeutic proteins of the present invention may be useful as cell-specific markers, or more

specifically as cellular markers that are differentially expressed at various stages of differentiation and/or maturation of particular cell types. Monoclonal antibodies (or albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein) directed against a specific epitope, or combination of epitopes, will allow for the screening of cellular populations expressing the marker. Various techniques can be utilized using monoclonal antibodies (or albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein) to screen for cellular populations expressing the marker(s), and include magnetic separation using antibody-coated magnetic beads, "panning" with antibody attached to a solid matrix (i.e., plate), and flow cytometry (See, e.g., U.S. Patent 5,985,660; and Morrison *et al.*, *Cell*, 96:737-49 (1999)).

These techniques allow for the screening of particular populations of cells, such as might be found with hematological malignancies (i.e. minimal residual disease (MRD) in acute leukemic patients) and "non-self" cells in transplantations to prevent Graft-versus-Host Disease (GVHD). Alternatively, these techniques allow for the screening of hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells capable of undergoing proliferation and/or differentiation, as might be found in human umbilical cord blood.

Characterizing Antibodies that bind a Therapeutic Protein and Albumin Fusion Proteins Comprising a Fragment or Variant of an Antibody that binds a Therapeutic Protein

The antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein (or fragment or variant thereof) may be characterized in a variety of ways. In particular, Albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein may be assayed for the ability to specifically bind to the same antigens specifically bound by the antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein corresponding to the antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein portion of the albumin fusion protein using techniques described herein or routinely modifying techniques known in the art.

Assays for the ability of the antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein (or fragment or variant thereof) to (specifically) bind a specific protein or epitope may be performed in solution (e.g., Houghten, *Bio/Techniques* 13:412-421(1992)), on beads (e.g., Lam, *Nature* 354:82-84 (1991)), on chips (e.g., Fodor, *Nature* 364:555-556 (1993)), on bacteria (e.g., U.S. Patent No. 5,223,409), on spores (e.g., Patent Nos. 5,571,698; 5,403,484; and 5,223,409), on plasmids (e.g., Cull *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*

89:1865-1869 (1992)) or on phage (e.g., Scott and Smith, *Science* 249:386-390 (1990); Devlin, *Science* 249:404-406 (1990); Cwirla et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:6378-6382 (1990); and Felici, *J. Mol. Biol.* 222:301-310 (1991)) (each of these references is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference). The antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein (or fragment or variant thereof) may also be assayed for their specificity and affinity for a specific protein or epitope using or routinely modifying techniques described herein or otherwise known in the art.

The albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein may be assayed for cross-reactivity with other antigens (e.g., molecules that have sequence/structure conservation with the molecule(s) specifically bound by the antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein (or fragment or variant thereof) corresponding to the Therapeutic protein portion of the albumin fusion protein of the invention) by any method known in the art.

Immunoassays which can be used to analyze (immunospecific) binding and cross-reactivity include, but are not limited to, competitive and non-competitive assay systems using techniques such as western blots, radioimmunoassays, ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbent assay), "sandwich" immunoassays, immunoprecipitation assays, precipitin reactions, gel diffusion precipitin reactions, immunodiffusion assays, agglutination assays, complement-fixation assays, immunoradiometric assays, fluorescent immunoassays, and protein A immunoassays, to name but a few. Such assays are routine and well known in the art (see, e.g., Ausubel et al, eds, 1994, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety). Exemplary immunoassays are described briefly below (but are not intended by way of limitation).

Immunoprecipitation protocols generally comprise lysing a population of cells in a lysis buffer such as RIPA buffer (1% NP-40 or Triton X-100, 1% sodium deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS, 0.15 M NaCl, 0.01 M sodium phosphate at pH 7.2, 1% Trasylol) supplemented with protein phosphatase and/or protease inhibitors (e.g., EDTA, PMSF, aprotinin, sodium vanadate), adding an antibody of the invention or albumin fusion protein of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein (or fragment or variant thereof) to the cell lysate, incubating for a period of time (e.g., 1 to 4 hours) at 40 degrees C, adding protein A and/or protein G sepharose beads (or beads coated with an appropriate anti-idiotype antibody or anti-albumin antibody in the case when an albumin fusion protein comprising at least a fragment or variant of a Therapeutic antibody) to the cell lysate, incubating for about an hour or more at 40 degrees C, washing the beads in

lysis buffer and resuspending the beads in SDS/sample buffer. The ability of the antibody or albumin fusion protein of the invention to immunoprecipitate a particular antigen can be assessed by, *e.g.*, western blot analysis. One of skill in the art would be knowledgeable as to the parameters that can be modified to increase the binding of the antibody or albumin fusion protein to an antigen and decrease the background (*e.g.*, pre-clearing the cell lysate with sepharose beads). For further discussion regarding immunoprecipitation protocols see, *e.g.*, Ausubel et al, eds, 1994, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York at 10.16.1.

Western blot analysis generally comprises preparing protein samples, electrophoresis of the protein samples in a polyacrylamide gel (*e.g.*, 8%- 20% SDS-PAGE depending on the molecular weight of the antigen), transferring the protein sample from the polyacrylamide gel to a membrane such as nitrocellulose, PVDF or nylon, blocking the membrane in blocking solution (*e.g.*, PBS with 3% BSA or non-fat milk), washing the membrane in washing buffer (*e.g.*, PBS-Tween 20), applying the antibody or albumin fusion protein of the invention (diluted in blocking buffer) to the membrane, washing the membrane in washing buffer, applying a secondary antibody (which recognizes the antibody or albumin fusion protein, *e.g.*, an anti-human serum albumin antibody) conjugated to an enzymatic substrate (*e.g.*, horseradish peroxidase or alkaline phosphatase) or radioactive molecule (*e.g.*, ³²P or ¹²⁵I) diluted in blocking buffer, washing the membrane in wash buffer, and detecting the presence of the antigen. One of skill in the art would be knowledgeable as to the parameters that can be modified to increase the signal detected and to reduce the background noise. For further discussion regarding western blot protocols see, *e.g.*, Ausubel et al, eds, 1994, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York at 10.8.1.

ELISAs comprise preparing antigen, coating the well of a 96-well microtiter plate with the antigen, washing away antigen that did not bind the wells, adding the antibody or albumin fusion protein (comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein) of the invention conjugated to a detectable compound such as an enzymatic substrate (*e.g.*, horseradish peroxidase or alkaline phosphatase) to the wells and incubating for a period of time, washing away unbound or non-specifically bound albumin fusion proteins, and detecting the presence of the antibody or albumin fusion proteins specifically bound to the antigen coating the well. In ELISAs the antibody or albumin fusion protein does not have to be conjugated to a detectable compound; instead, a second antibody (which recognizes the antibody or albumin fusion protein, respectively) conjugated to a detectable compound may be added to the well. Further, instead of coating the well with the antigen, antibody or the albumin fusion protein may be coated to the well. In this case, the detectable molecule could be the antigen conjugated to a detectable compound such as an

enzymatic substrate (*e.g.*, horseradish peroxidase or alkaline phosphatase). One of skill in the art would be knowledgeable as to the parameters that can be modified to increase the signal detected as well as other variations of ELISAs known in the art. For further discussion regarding ELISAs see, *e.g.*, Ausubel et al, eds, 1994, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York at 11.2.1.

The binding affinity of an albumin fusion protein to a protein, antigen, or epitope and the off-rate of an antibody- or albumin fusion protein-protein/antigen/epitope interaction can be determined by competitive binding assays. One example of a competitive binding assay is a radioimmunoassay comprising the incubation of labeled antigen (*e.g.*, ^3H or ^{125}I) with the antibody or albumin fusion protein of the invention in the presence of increasing amounts of unlabeled antigen, and the detection of the antibody bound to the labeled antigen. The affinity of the antibody or albumin fusion protein of the present invention for a specific protein, antigen, or epitope and the binding off-rates can be determined from the data by Scatchard plot analysis. Competition with a second protein that binds the same protein, antigen or epitope as the antibody or albumin fusion protein, can also be determined using radioimmunoassays. In this case, the protein, antigen or epitope is incubated with an antibody or albumin fusion protein of the present invention conjugated to a labeled compound (*e.g.*, ^3H or ^{125}I) in the presence of increasing amounts of an unlabeled second protein that binds the same protein, antigen, or epitope as the albumin fusion protein of the invention.

In a preferred embodiment, BIACore kinetic analysis is used to determine the binding on and off rates of antibody or albumin fusion proteins of the invention to a protein, antigen or epitope. BIACore kinetic analysis comprises analyzing the binding and dissociation of antibodies, albumin fusion proteins, or specific polypeptides, antigens or epitopes from chips with immobilized specific polypeptides, antigens or epitopes, antibodies or albumin fusion proteins, respectively, on their surface.

Therapeutic Uses

The present invention is further directed to antibody-based therapies which involve administering antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein to an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human, patient for treating one or more of the disclosed diseases, disorders, or conditions. Therapeutic compounds of the invention include, but are not limited to, antibodies of the invention (including fragments, analogs and derivatives thereof as described herein), nucleic acids encoding antibodies of the invention (including fragments, analogs and derivatives thereof and anti-idiotypic antibodies as described herein), albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or

variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein, and nucleic acids encoding such albumin fusion proteins. The antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein can be used to treat, inhibit or prevent diseases, disorders or conditions associated
5 with aberrant expression and/or activity of a Therapeutic protein, including, but not limited to, any one or more of the diseases, disorders, or conditions described herein. The treatment and/or prevention of diseases, disorders, or conditions associated with aberrant expression and/or activity of a Therapeutic protein includes, but is not limited to, alleviating symptoms associated with those diseases, disorders or conditions. antibodies of the invention or
10 albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein may be provided in pharmaceutically acceptable compositions as known in the art or as described herein.

In a specific and preferred embodiment, the present invention is directed to antibody-based therapies which involve administering antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein to an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human, patient for treating one or more diseases, disorders, or conditions, including but not limited to: neural disorders, immune system disorders, muscular disorders, reproductive disorders, gastrointestinal disorders, pulmonary disorders, cardiovascular disorders, renal disorders,
15 proliferative disorders, and/or cancerous diseases and conditions., and/or as described elsewhere herein. Therapeutic compounds of the invention include, but are not limited to, antibodies of the invention (e.g., antibodies directed to the full length protein expressed on the cell surface of a mammalian cell; antibodies directed to an epitope of a Therapeutic protein and nucleic acids encoding antibodies of the invention (including fragments, analogs and derivatives thereof and anti-idiotypic antibodies as described herein). The antibodies of the invention can be used to treat, inhibit or prevent diseases, disorders or conditions associated
20 with aberrant expression and/or activity of a Therapeutic protein, including, but not limited to, any one or more of the diseases, disorders, or conditions described herein. The treatment and/or prevention of diseases, disorders, or conditions associated with aberrant expression and/or activity of a Therapeutic protein includes, but is not limited to, alleviating symptoms associated with those diseases, disorders or conditions. Antibodies of the invention or
25 albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein may be provided in pharmaceutically acceptable compositions as known in the art or as described herein.

30 A summary of the ways in which the antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a

Therapeutic protein may be used therapeutically includes binding Therapeutic proteins locally or systemically in the body or by direct cytotoxicity of the antibody, e.g. as mediated by complement (CDC) or by effector cells (ADCC). Some of these approaches are described in more detail below. Armed with the teachings provided herein, one of ordinary skill in the art 5 will know how to use the antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein for diagnostic, monitoring or therapeutic purposes without undue experimentation.

The antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein may 10 be advantageously utilized in combination with other monoclonal or chimeric antibodies, or with lymphokines or hematopoietic growth factors (such as, e.g., IL-2, IL-3 and IL-7), for example, which serve to increase the number or activity of effector cells which interact with the antibodies.

The antibodies of the invention or albumin fusion proteins of the invention comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein may 15 be administered alone or in combination with other types of treatments (e.g., radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, immunotherapy and anti-tumor agents). Generally, administration of products of a species origin or species reactivity (in the case of 20 antibodies) that is the same species as that of the patient is preferred. Thus, in a preferred embodiment, human antibodies, fragments derivatives, analogs, or nucleic acids, are administered to a human patient for therapy or prophylaxis.

It is preferred to use high affinity and/or potent *in vivo* inhibiting and/or neutralizing 25 antibodies against Therapeutic proteins, fragments or regions thereof, (or the albumin fusion protein correlate of such an antibody) for both immunoassays directed to and therapy of disorders related to polynucleotides or polypeptides, including fragments thereof, of the present invention. Such antibodies, fragments, or regions, will preferably have an affinity for polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention, including fragments thereof. Preferred binding affinities include dissociation constants or Kd's less than 5×10^{-2} M, 10^{-2} M, 5×10^{-3} M, 10^{-3} M, 5×10^{-4} M, 10^{-4} M. More preferred binding affinities include those with a 30 dissociation constant or Kd less than 5×10^{-5} M, 10^{-5} M, 5×10^{-6} M, 10^{-6} M, 5×10^{-7} M, 10^{-7} M, 5×10^{-8} M or 10^{-8} M. Even more preferred binding affinities include those with a dissociation constant or Kd less than 5×10^{-9} M, 10^{-9} M, 5×10^{-10} M, 10^{-10} M, 5×10^{-11} M, 10^{-11} M, 5×10^{-12} M, 10^{-12} M, 5×10^{-13} M, 10^{-13} M, 5×10^{-14} M, 10^{-14} M, 5×10^{-15} M, or 10^{-15} M.

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Gene Therapy

In a specific embodiment, nucleic acids comprising sequences encoding antibodies that bind Therapeutic proteins or albumin fusion proteins comprising at least a fragment or variant of an antibody that binds a Therapeutic protein are administered to treat, inhibit or prevent a disease or disorder associated with aberrant expression and/or activity of a Therapeutic protein, by way of gene therapy. Gene therapy refers to therapy performed by the administration to a subject of an expressed or expressible nucleic acid. In this embodiment of the invention, the nucleic acids produce their encoded protein that mediates a therapeutic effect.

Any of the methods for gene therapy available in the art can be used according to the present invention. Exemplary methods are described in more detail elsewhere in this application.

Demonstration of Therapeutic or Prophylactic Activity

The compounds or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are preferably tested in vitro, and then *in vivo* for the desired therapeutic or prophylactic activity, prior to use in humans. For example, in vitro assays to demonstrate the therapeutic or prophylactic utility of a compound or pharmaceutical composition include, the effect of a compound on a cell line or a patient tissue sample. The effect of the compound or composition on the cell line and/or tissue sample can be determined utilizing techniques known to those of skill in the art including, but not limited to, rosette formation assays and cell lysis assays. In accordance with the invention, in vitro assays which can be used to determine whether administration of a specific compound is indicated, include in vitro cell culture assays in which a patient tissue sample is grown in culture, and exposed to or otherwise administered a compound, and the effect of such compound upon the tissue sample is observed.

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Therapeutic/Prophylactic Administration and Composition

The invention provides methods of treatment, inhibition and prophylaxis by administration to a subject of an effective amount of a compound or pharmaceutical composition of the invention, preferably an antibody. In a preferred embodiment, the compound is substantially purified (e.g., substantially free from substances that limit its effect or produce undesired side-effects). The subject is preferably an animal, including but not limited to animals such as cows, pigs, horses, chickens, cats, dogs, etc., and is preferably a mammal, and most preferably human.

Formulations and methods of administration that can be employed when the compound comprises a nucleic acid or an immunoglobulin are described above; additional

appropriate formulations and routes of administration can be selected from among those described herein below.

Various delivery systems are known and can be used to administer a compound of the invention, e.g., encapsulation in liposomes, microparticles, microcapsules, recombinant cells capable of expressing the compound, receptor-mediated endocytosis (see, e.g., Wu and Wu, J. Biol. Chem. 262:4429-4432 (1987)), construction of a nucleic acid as part of a retroviral or other vector, etc. Methods of introduction include but are not limited to intradermal, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intravenous, subcutaneous, intranasal, epidural, and oral routes. The compounds or compositions may be administered by any convenient route, for example by infusion or bolus injection, by absorption through epithelial or mucocutaneous linings (e.g., oral mucosa, rectal and intestinal mucosa, etc.) and may be administered together with other biologically active agents. Administration can be systemic or local. In addition, it may be desirable to introduce the pharmaceutical compounds or compositions of the invention into the central nervous system by any suitable route, including intraventricular and intrathecal injection; intraventricular injection may be facilitated by an intraventricular catheter, for example, attached to a reservoir, such as an Ommaya reservoir. Pulmonary administration can also be employed, e.g., by use of an inhaler or nebulizer, and formulation with an aerosolizing agent.

In a specific embodiment, it may be desirable to administer the pharmaceutical compounds or compositions of the invention locally to the area in need of treatment; this may be achieved by, for example, and not by way of limitation, local infusion during surgery, topical application, e.g., in conjunction with a wound dressing after surgery, by injection, by means of a catheter, by means of a suppository, or by means of an implant, said implant being of a porous, non-porous, or gelatinous material, including membranes, such as sialastic membranes, or fibers. Preferably, when administering a protein, including an antibody, of the invention, care must be taken to use materials to which the protein does not absorb.

In another embodiment, the compound or composition can be delivered in a vesicle, in particular a liposome (see Langer, Science 249:1527-1533 (1990); Treat et al., in *Liposomes in the Therapy of Infectious Disease and Cancer*, Lopez-Berestein and Fidler (eds.), Liss, New York, pp. 353- 365 (1989); Lopez-Berestein, *ibid.*, pp. 317-327; see generally *ibid.*)

In yet another embodiment, the compound or composition can be delivered in a controlled release system. In one embodiment, a pump may be used (see Langer, *supra*; Sefton, CRC Crit. Ref. Biomed. Eng. 14:201 (1987); Buchwald et al., Surgery 88:507 (1980); Saudek et al., N. Engl. J. Med. 321:574 (1989)). In another embodiment, polymeric materials can be used (see *Medical Applications of Controlled Release*, Langer and Wise (eds.), CRC Pres., Boca Raton, Florida (1974); *Controlled Drug Bioavailability, Drug*